

Minutes of the Green Trails Improvement Association, Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 12, 2015

President Peter Bakas called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at Kennedy Jr. High. Board members present: Peter Bakas, Lou Beccavin, Pat Coughlin-Schillo, Tony Dolinar, Marg Hough, Les Lavin, Betty Long, Mark Munoz, Michael Olson, Roger Sassen, William Swiderski. Board members excused: Linda Gilbert, Bob Klaeren. Management: Julie Maschmeier. Paula Gleason was Recording Secretary. A quorum was present.

Open Forum: None

Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Betty Long requested that the spelling of Harry Hier be amended to Harry Heier, in the Maintenance Committee report, page 3, paragraph 3.

Board Motion: Lou Beccavin moved to approve the April minutes as corrected, Pat Coughlin-Schillo seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Olson reviewed the April Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement.

Board Motion: Mark Munoz motioned to accept the check register expenditures of \$21,560.29 for May, William Swiderski seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Management Report

Telephone log line items were included in the Board packet.

Management has submitted request for bids from three paving contractors and will subsequently meet with each to review their proposals. Betty Long queried if it might be cost effective to consider concrete replacement in lieu of asphalt in the areas to be restored. The consensus of the Board was to continue with asphalt replacement consistent with the trail theme. Concrete is only used in areas that are too difficult for trail maintenance equipment to access.

Management thanked those Board members who completed their respective area inspection reports in a timely manner.

Management reported that all seedlings were planted in the pine grove.

Balanced Environment is scheduled to begin accent renovation the week of May 18th, weather permitting.

In accordance with the Violations of the Rules and Regulations policy, Management will send a contractor to remove a compost bin from the common area near the property of an owner who has refused to remove the compost bin. The Lisle Police Department will be notified prior to taking action. As soon as final costs are accrued, Management will file a lien on the property for all expenses.

Management submitted an update of actions being undertaken, consistent with the Violations of the Rules and Regulations policy, with regard to the library box in the common area.

Due to large areas of standing water, Balanced Environment has been weather-challenged to maintain mowing and edging of all common areas in a sequential manner. In addition, Management has received resident calls requesting that certain common area near their property not be mowed by the contractor. The consensus of the Board is that Management will instruct Balanced Environment to mow ALL common areas; mowing of common areas is not negotiable with residents. The only exception is that the recently seeded pine grove will not be mowed.

Board members will continue to seek out potential Board members to fill the two Board openings.

2015 annual assessments of \$1,295 have been received in April.

Management completed twenty assessment letters and one refinance letter in April.

Management will send out sixteen welcome packages for sales completed in April.

GTIA auditor, Robert Ripp, has commenced with Management to conduct the 2015 annual audit.

Management provided a list of April newcomers. Board Directors are encouraged to call on newcomers in their respective areas.

Finance Committee – Michael Olson noted that the Finance Committee will meet, most likely by conference call, when the audit is completed.

Maintenance Committee – Les Lavin confirmed the conifers purchased from the Kane County Conservation District have been planted in the nursery. Fifteen deciduous trees were purchased from the Morton Arboretum; five were originally purchased from the Morton Arboretum and an additional ten were subsequently purchased by Betty Long from the Arboretum at a discount. These trees will be planted as soon as possible, weather permitting; which will bring the nursery total to 186. Board volunteers are encouraged to help with the project. Les, Betty and Tom cleared, prepped and seeded two rows that had been purposely abandoned, then edged and narrowed one of the rows evenly in the nursery. The balance of the rows will be addressed later. Several trees along College Road were pruned, and after tree pruning was done, debris was bundled and ultimately removed. Tree trimming was completed on one tree that appeared to be distressed. Material costs to repair the gazebo will be about \$250; Les offered to undertake repairs and the Board authorized material purchase up to \$250. In regard to the drainage issue impacting a common area connector between two residences on Ridgewood, Management has not yet met with the residents, but will do so before any work is authorized. Les confirmed that due to the complexity of the problem, the Park District and the Village of Lisle Water Treatment Department would also be involved in this problem resolution.

Bill Swiderski inquired as to progress toward a solution to the creek near his property which runs into the pond. Marg Hough noted that Intron and ComEd have been working in the area and some of the affected areas are not being restored.

Communication Committee – Marg Hough said that in response to the Board's request, the Communications Committee met to review the GTIA informational pamphlet which is included in the welcome packet sent to new residents. The committee will make the appropriate revisions and will have the pamphlet printed in a three-fold design, including the new Green Trails logo.

Parks Committee –Pat Coughlin-Schillo thanked those Board members who completed their respective evaluations in a timely manner. Pat needs two more completed evaluation forms; she will then schedule a meeting with Aaron Cerutti to review these assessments with Aaron. Mark Munoz volunteered to attend the August Park District Board meeting which had not yet been assigned.

Old Business/New Business - None

Board Member Area Reports

Area B – Betty Long reported there were still several areas previously worked on by a utility that have not been restored.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment

Board Motion: .There being no further business, Betty Long motioned to adjourn the meeting, Michael Olson seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 8:36p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Gleason, Recording Secretary, Signature on File