

Minutes of the Green Trails Improvement Association, Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2015

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

Open Forum - Three Green Trails residents were in attendance to voice concerns about their homes being identified by FEMA as being located within a flood plain, years after their homes were purchased and despite not having been originally noted by the VOL as being located within a flood plain. VOL Stormwater Administrator, Marilyn Sucoe, was also in attendance to present information regarding the maps being used at the time the area was developed as well as a synopsis of potential actions that may be required to be taken in response to the designation. She mentioned that the VOL would like to start discussions with GTIA on a path located in the area.

A Lisle Park District representative was in attendance to present an update on the proposed bike path running along College Avenue allowing for access to downtown Lisle and connecting on the other end to Naperville on Hobson Avenue. The proposed path called the Benedictine Connector would connect to Green Trails' paths for less than 5% of a mile. Approximately 160 feet of trail between Egermann Woods and Sun Valley Road could be part of the Benedictine Connector; the only proposed signage would be a small green sign with an arrow stating Bike Route. Copies of the DuPage County Regional Bikeway Map were distributed. The consensus of the Board was to further review the maps and consider whether and to what extent this recent request can be accommodated.

Minutes of the Prior Meeting:

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed.

Board Motion: Betty Long moved to approve the August minutes, William Swiderski seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote

Treasurer's Report

Michael Olson reviewed the August Balance Sheet and Income and Expense Statement. Management reviewed available interest rates for the maturing CD. Betty Long suggested a five-year CD with Synchrony Bank at a higher interest rate. The consensus of the Board was not to invest for such a long term at this time given recent indications of Fed tightening.

Board Motion: Michael Olson motioned to rollover the CD maturing on 9/13/15 at First Community Bank into a 17-month CD at First Community Bank at 1.17% interest, David Derbyshire seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Board Motion: Marg Hough motioned to accept the check register expenditures of \$28,674.64 for September, Linda Gilbert seconded. Motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Management Report

Telephone log line items were included in the Board packet.

Murphy Asphalt & Sealcoating will begin sealcoating mid-September, weather permitting. Balanced Environment will begin pruning designated trail sections as needed; all trail sections have been marked accordingly.

Balanced Environment and Management continue to identify ash trees and other species in need of removal. The east side of College Road will be the primary focus for this year, however, trees in the west section that require action now will also be removed. .

Management will complete tree ring spraying of Round Up for selected trees, accent areas, islands and other miscellaneous areas in September.

In response to Management's education letter with an expiration date of compliance to a GTIA resident who had installed a trampoline that is partially in the common area, the trampoline was subsequently removed from the common area and placed within the unit owner's property.

Management submitted an educational letter with an expiration date of compliance to a non-resident address who has also installed a trampoline that is partially in the common area.

With regard to remediation of the drainage issues and surf erosion in the area of GTIA common property off Ridgewood; the property has been marked for utilities and work is scheduled to commence 9/7/015, weather permitting.

In response to recommendations from the Communications Committee, the Green Trails website has been moved to Network Solutions.

Management published the second notice for Board elections in the September issue of the Pathfinder; election ballots will be mailed in September following the monthly Board meeting. Seven of the fifteen Board of Director positions are up for election. Mike Monroe, Area J, has submitted a request to be placed on the ballot for Area J vacated by Lou Beccavin. Michael Jakubiec, Area G, has submitted an application for Area G. Mark Munoz does not have a specific interest in running for Area G, but would consider an appointed position. Alden Snyder has indicated his interest to run for Area F, where he resides. Roger Sassen will not run for Area I, therefore Areas I, K, M and O do not have candidates.

In cooperation with the Finance Committee to secure an expert to update the GTIA billing system, Management recently had a meeting with one of the respondents

2015 annual assessments of \$360 have been received in August.

Management completed thirteen assessment letters in August.

Management will send out eight welcome packages for sales completed in August.

Management selected IHG Insurance for \$1.25M Fidelity Bond at an annual \$1,153.00 premium.

Management filed one release and cancellation of lien.

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

Finance Committee – Michael Olson noted that the Finance and Maintenance Committees met August 31st to discuss a proposed 2016 budget. Management distributed copies of the proposed budget to Board members for their review and discussion; and Management noted that many expenses have been reduced over the last two years.

Maintenance Committee – no additional report

Communication Committee – Marg Hough noted the committee will meet this month.

Parks Committee – Mark Munoz provided a synopsis of the August Park District Board meeting. Peter Bakas will attend the September Park District Board meeting. Pat Coughlin-Schillo noted that she hopes to meet with Aaron Cerutti prior to the next Board meeting.

Nominating Committee – None

Old Business/New Business – Betty Long requested the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Peter Bakas, Les Lavin, Betty Long and Bill Swiderski to review the annual Management contract.

Board Member Area Reports – None

Executive Session

Board Motion: Marg Hough motioned to adjourn to Executive Session, Michael Olson seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:00 p.m.

Board Motion: Michael Olson motioned to adjourn from Executive Session, Mark Munoz seconded. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote at 9:09 p.m.

Adjournment

Board Motion: .There being no further business, Michael Olson motioned to adjourn the meeting, David Derbyshire seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote; the meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m.

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