

MINUTES OF THE PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

January 12, 2009

Present: Jim Nolting, Tom Barz, Bill Matevich, Rachel Gilmore

Absent: Janice Werner, Dan Smith, Sue Bloomfield, Rich Misorowski, Paul Koreman,

ENTRANCES

1. Lighting

Jim reported that Excel has begun initial work on the lighting project but has not finished yet. PHA has not yet been billed for the work, either.

- ACTION ITEM: Tom will follow up with Excel.

2. 2009 Prestwick Beautification Award

Sue submitted a draft of the initial publicity for the Prestwick garden walk. The date will be set before the Will County walk, which is July 17/18.

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will get the date confirmed with Sue and include the write up in the newsletter.

3. Beautification of Utility Islands

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will check to see if Paul wants to do an insert for the newsletter that would explain his utility island planting plan and ballpark price if a resident wished to hire him for that project.

4. Mowing of common areas

Discussion was held about mowing in common areas. Tom clarified that the Village contracts for all common area mowing and uses Bill's Landscaping.

ARC

Tom reported that no new construction is occurring. He has had a few requests for roof approvals, but that's all. Also, two people have called about the ball of garbage in front of Kirsch's old house.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will send a letter stating the garbage ball needs to be removed.

SOCIAL

Sue and Janice will work on planning the Garden Walk (see above).

Tom reported that there may be an ice skating party on the creek on Aberdeen with a bonfire if the weather stays cold enough in late January.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Discussion was held about the annual dues letter. Rachel has a call in to Bill Kiehl to clarify printing issues. The Board agreed that Rachel and Bill should decide what will work best for Liberty and then structure the document set ups accordingly.

The membership mailing needs to include:

- The letter from the Board
- A response card
- A return envelope
- A separate “resident contact info” letter asking residents to verify the listed information and correct as needed (based on Rich’s Excel file)
- Can go in a window envelope, per Bill Kiehl

*The bank will need a label print out for the responders/non-responders.

A second mailing will be for the newsletter with ad letter, possibly with an insert about Paul’s utility planting services.

Discussion was held about starting a Christmas tree recycling program in Prestwick next year.

2. Rachel will prepare the ad mailing using the same letter as last year; however, the rates will be changed to reflect a 20% discount for PHA members for all sizes of ads.

➤ ACTION ITEM: Jim will send join the Chamber and purchase the mailing list.

SECURITY

Bill spoke with resident Tom Wiese, who provided the following information:

1. ADT will come out and give a free estimate for a neighborhood security watch program. The cost is approximately \$2,000 per camera. The camera feeds to a central databank. Footage is stored for 2 weeks before being erased.
- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will include a blurb in the newsletter that residents have asked about installing security cameras at entrances and the Board is looking into it. Feedback/questions/comments should be directed to Jim’s email address.

WEB SITE

No report.

FINANCIAL

Jim reported that things are status quo. The \$17,000 Excel bill has not come in yet. PHA still has about \$30,000 in the bank.

NEWSLETTER

The next issue will be in late January. It will include information on:

1. Garden Walk
2. Lighting update
3. Security camera blurb
4. Annual "Why Join PHA" article
5. the directory ad letter and response sheet
6. Harlem construction update

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will talk to Jerry Ducay and get the current status on Harlem reconstruction.

GOVERNMENTAL

1. Jim reported that Rich M. and Mark Steinman are heading up a feasibility study for PHA on the possible mitigation solutions for Prestwick residents. They will be coordinating with the Village. The Board agreed that plantings will probably be most effective, as sound barrier walls are estimated at \$70,000 per lot in Prestwick and do not do that much, nor are they visually appealing. The issue of hiring an outside consultant was raised and discussion held. The Board agreed to wait and see what the Village is doing but could consider hiring its own consultant for a not-to-exceed amount.

NEW BUSINESS

1. New board members

Bill Kiehl and Tom Wiese are both interested in coming on the Board.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will invite these men to serve. They would be installed at the March 2009 meeting.

2. Executive Slate

The Board prepared the following Executive Slate for 2009:

President, Jim Nolting
Vice President, Janice Werner
Secretary, Sue Bloomfield
Treasurer, Tom Kazmierczak

3. CN Update Meeting

Discussion was held about inviting Mayor Holland and Jerry Ducay to the March meeting to give an update on the CN meeting. This type of meeting might draw additional interested residents and provide voters for the annual PHA election.

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. Location TBD.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Gilmore
Recording Secretary