

MINUTES of the PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
January 16, 2008

Final draft to be approved at the February meeting.

Present: Jim Nolting, Paul Koreman, Bill Matevich, Janice Werner, Sue Bloomfield, Tom Barz, Rich Misiorowski and Rachel Gilmore (Recording Secretary).

Absent: John Mackowiak, Dan Smith and Lynn Grever

The December 2007 minutes were approved.

Jim welcomed Rich to the PHA Board.

#### 2008 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The Board approved the following slate of officers to be voted on at the February 2008 meeting.

President: Jim Nolting

Vice President: John Mackowiak

Secretary: Janice Werner

Treasurer: Tom Kazmierczak

Board members nominated to the Board include:

Tom Barz, Membership and Architectural Review

Dan Smith, Governmental

Sue Bloomfield, Social and Membership

Paul Koreman, Entrances

Bill Matevich, Legal and Architectural Review

Lynn Grever, Social and Membership

Rich Misiorowski, Governmental

The Board would like to acknowledge Tom Kazmierczak's faithful service to the Board in handling all financial tasks as Treasurer. His time is very much appreciated.

#### ENTRANCES

##### 1. Galassi Visit

Janice and Paul are going to Galassi the week of January 21 to look at stones. Jim reported that there is currently \$23,000 in savings and that PHA should receive approximately \$4,000 from the Village to help with the signage. Jerry Duway will ask the Trustees to make a decision at their next meeting.

##### 2. Electric Work at Entrances

Jim talked to Excel. They can phase in the electric work. Discussion was held on the benefit of doing all the electric work up front because there is a surplus in the savings account. The Board agreed to simply put in the electric to light the stone on the side of the entrance where there is

currently power for the overhead streetlight. The opposite side will be done later, as Excel will need to dig under the street, and that will be costly.

### 3. Entrance Upkeep

Paul reported that he has given a quote to the Club to handle the Prestwick Drive entrance. This would allow him to bring uniformity to all entrances. The Club would pay Paul directly.

### 4. Prestwick Country Club Village

After discussion, Rich moved and Sue seconded that PHA will maintain the center island bed facing Harlem for Country Club Village, provided that they continue to pay their annual group dues to PHA. All were in favor.

### 5. Non-member Letter Re: Entrances

Jim reported that 1 new member joined as a result of the mailing that was done in November to solicit more non-member help with the entrance redesign project. Tom reported that one additional person had spoken to him about joining. It is possible that people are simply waiting to join until the new membership letter comes out since it was the end of the year.

## ARC

No new requests. Tom anticipates that ARC fees/revenue will be lower this year, due to the slow housing market.

## GOVERNMENTAL

Much discussion was held on the CN RR issue. Rich Misiorowski attended both the Frankfort Village forum and the STB hearing held in Matteson. He reported the following:

- At the Matteson meeting, approximately 20 STB staff/contractors and 10 CN RR staff were present, along with local government officials and residents.
- In talking to Bill Bural, one of the STB contractors, it became apparent that neither the STB nor the CN RR know about the Harlem widening project.
- After being informed of the project, Mr. Bural began to outline plans for a vehicle overpass on Harlem that would reroute Harlem much farther east and provide a reverse C loop for residents to exit Aberdeen, go under the overpass and return to Harlem. The CN RR would be responsible for handling all costs associated with the overpass including land acquisition and construction. The plan also calls for taking down the Com Ed tower that had previously stopped the road widening from moving farther east.
- Rich believes that there is going to be an environmental impact on the earthen retention dam on the forest preserve property south of Sauk Trail.
- Rich recommends immediate efforts for personal and PHA letters sent to the Environmental Analysis Section asking to STOP the sale.
- Rich recommends immediate efforts to employ intergovernmental cooperation on this issue involving the Village, the Cook County Highway Department, the Forest Preserve and any other agency directly affected by the sale.

- Rich recommends petitioning the Assessor for a reassessment of property taxes because home values have dropped due to the pending sale.

Discussion continued with the review of a letter drafted by an attorney for a small but affected homeowners association in Barrington. The letter outlined each impact that the sale will have on its residents. The Board agreed to use this letter as a model for a letter to be sent to the Environmental Impact Section.

As a result of discussion, the following Action Items were created:

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will schedule a meeting with Jerry Ducay to discuss the Village's requests and get their support for PHA concerns. Rich and Janice to also attend.
- ACTION ITEM: Bill will contact Mr. Gadowski at the Cook County Highway Department to see if they are aware of the sale and ask for their cooperation in stopping the sale and/or stopping the Harlem project until the sale is complete and the overpass plans are in place.
- ACTION ITEM: Tom will call Mike Pasteris at the Forest Preserve and make him aware of the sale and enlist his support in stopping the sale.
- ACTION ITEM: Paul will contact other homeowners association presidents and encourage them to join PHA in fighting the sale or asking for the most palatable solutions to preserve quality of life in our neighborhoods.
- ACTION ITEM: Janice and Sue will use the Barrington letter as a model and create a list of specific detriments to Prestwick resulting from the sale and increased train traffic. Remember the Emerald dragon fly sightings (Tom has photos).
- ACTION ITEM: Jim will email Janice's (revised) sample letter to the PHA email database. \*\*\*\*NOTE: All letters are due in DC by February 1, 2008. They can be emailed, as well as snail mailed.
- ACTION ITEM: Jim will get the sample letter to Travis to post on the web site.
- ACTION ITEM: Jim will contact Marie Michuda to enlist her help with the letter writing campaign.
- ACTION ITEM: Tom will call the Assessor's office to ask about reassessments and when that step might be taken, in light of the sale.

## SOCIAL

Discussion on the block party was tabled until the February meeting.

## MEMBERSHIP

### 1. Membership Directory

Repro is able to handle the printing of the directory this year. The goal will be to have it out by May 1.

2. The ad letter will go out the week of January 21. Jim noted that Custom Wood Designs had an error in its ad last year. PHA will offer him an ad this year at 50% off. The Board will also offer Tom Kazmericzak a free web ad to thank him for his service as Treasurer.

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will double check to see where the error occurred.
  - NOTE: Rachel checked and she does not have the original hard copies of the ads. Those are still with Repro. This would be a question for Jan/Carmen. My ad data sheet indicates that Custom Wood Designs sent a hard copy of its desired ad. That would have been passed along to Jan and should be in her file.
- ACTION ITEM: Current web advertisers will be offered the chance to renew their web ads at 50% or \$25 since the ads did not get on the site until late summer/early fall.
- ACTION ITEM: Jim will check with Repro as to how many pages it would add and how much it would cost to include a cross reference section with street name/house numbers and resident name to the book.
- ACTION ITEM: Tom will get a Prestwick map to Repro for inclusion in the book.

### 3. Annual Dues Letter

Dues will be due by March 15. A second mailing will go out April 1 with a final due date of April 15.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will get a copy of the letter from Repro, update it and return it to them for the mailing.
- ACTION ITEM: Tom will get mailing labels to Repro.

### 4. Email Verification Project

No report from Lynn.

## SECURITY

No report.

## WEB SITE

Jim would like to see a blog added to the PHA web site. He has asked Travis for a quote.

## FINANCIAL

Jim presented the budget for review. Discussion was held about possible increases in postage and social, but it was decided that there was enough money allocated to social and postage could be increased later if PHA does mailings to residents re: the CN RR sale. The Board approved the budget.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Aerial Maps

Tom recommended that the interested resident go to GoogleEarth and print the map he wants. The Village could provide one, but PHA would have to pay to have it done.

The next meeting will be March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Club unless the Club is still closed. Then the meeting will be at Jim's house.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Gilmore  
Recording Secretary