

MINUTES OF THE PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

June 11, 2009

Present: Jim Nolting, Janice Werner, Rich Misiorowski, Tom Wiese, Marc Steinman, Tom Barz, Rachel Gilmore and Audit Committee member Tom Ryan

Absent: Bill Matevich, Ray Rossi, Dan Smith, Sue Bloomfield

The minutes from the May 2009 meeting were approved.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Tom Ryan reviewed the report. Overall, the PHA finances are in excellent shape and Tom Kazmierczak is to be applauded for the extremely detailed records he maintains. A few of the suggestions for future policies/procedures include:

1. Tom K. getting a copy of the face of the checks for the large membership deposits. Jim is in negotiations with potential new banks to have this service.
2. Having additional signers on the account.
3. Having a policy that requires written estimates for any work or services over a set amount.
4. Having the responsible board member sign off on expenses for their committee.

The PHA is very thankful for the time Tom Ryan and Gary White put into doing the audit and are pleased to know that things look good.

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will include the Summary statement in the report in the Fall newsletter.

2. Fireworks

Discussion was held about the July 3 fireworks. Todd Hale came in and explained that the show he reserved is a \$6,000 show but is probably double that in value since the owner of Melrose Pyrotechnics is friends with many members. He also said that the Club will offer a BBQ dinner again. Child tickets are 8.95; adult tickets are 14.95. Drink tickets are \$2/piece. Soda will be one ticket. Beer will be two tickets and liquor will be three. RSVPs must be received in advance by calling the Club. A DJ will play from 7-10 p.m. The fireworks show will take place at 9 p.m. People are welcome to simply come for the music and fireworks without purchasing dinner.

Tom moved and Rich seconded to support the Prestwick fireworks up to \$2500. All were in favor.

NEWSLETTER & DIRECTORY

The newsletter proof was reviewed. A few minor changes will be submitted to Katie before Rachel leaves town. The directory has gone to print and should be mailed next week with the newsletter.

- ACTION ITEM: Tom will ask Bill Kiehl about giving Katie and Tom M. at Liberty a thank you gift for all their work on the Prestwick directory and newsletter.

GARDEN WALK

Janice reported that there are 5 definite gardens and 5 maybe gardens. Marc offered their garden as a possibility if the planning team runs short.

The Walk is Sunday, July 12, 1-4 p.m.

It is up to the individual homeowners if they want to serve any sort of refreshments at their garden.

The Walk will be publicized in the newsletter and again in a special mailing.

ARC

Tom asked the Board to review a request for a 16-foot tall outdoor fireplace on Highland. The owner's property backs up to the ComEd right of way and the train tracks.

- ACTION ITEM: Tom will ask the homeowner for a landscaping schematic.
- ACTION ITEM: Board members should drive by and look at the property before making a decision on this request.

Tom also showed a sample donation request letter that PHA could use to solicit donations for the fireworks.

CN NOISE MITIGATION

Marc showed his powerpoint which reviews the facts, which is that unless a wall is built on the track bed on the north side, there will be no mitigation effects from anything installed. The south side is also likely too far away from the track to be considered for any mitigation efforts other than a visual blockage with a vegetation screen. The Village does not feel it would be productive for them to ask for a wall on the track bed for the north side of Prestwick.

After discussion, the Board agreed to hold a meeting for residents. The purpose of this meeting would be to present all available facts and options regarding mitigation. The goal would be to get a consensus from the residents as to what they want done. This consensus will be gathered from a survey distributed to all attendees. It was agreed that residents should be informed that to pursue other options (besides a vegetation screen) may cost them money out of pocket.

- ACTION ITEM: Tom W. will create the survey and email to the Board for review.
- ACTION ITEM: Marc will tweak the power point.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will confirm that July 23 at 7 p.m. is available for the meeting at the Club.
- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will include the meeting details in a special mailing to go out the week of June 22.

SPECIAL MAILING

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will prepare the text for a special mailing to be sent out the week of June 22 and to include information on the fireworks, the Garden Walk addresses and the CN mitigation meeting date/time/details.
- ACTION ITEM: Board members need to get Rachel their details no later than Friday, June 19.

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for Thursday, June 23, at 7 p.m. at the Club. The focus will be the CN mitigation proposal and Prestwick residents' options.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Gilmore
Recording Secretary