

Minutes of the Prestwick Homeowners Association

August 21, 2008

Final draft to be approved at the September meeting.

Present: Jim Nolting, Janice Werner, Rich Misorowski, Tom Barz

Absent: Dan Smith, Lynn Grever, Paul Koreman, Sue Bloomfield, Bill Matevich

ENTRANCES

1. Hardscape

Jim and other board members have gotten a lot of positive feedback on the entrance stones. Discussion was held regarding the thickness of the stones. On the original Galassi bid, the spec was for 6" thick. Tom has measured the stones, and they seem to be about 2.5" thick. The board agreed to watch the stones for signs of wear, as there may be some weathering issues down the road.

The total cost for the stones was approximately \$8600. Jim sent an invoice to Jerry Ducay for \$4,000 for the Village to contribute. (Note: after the meeting Jim received an email from PHA Treasurer Tom K. that the \$4,000 check had been received and deposited.).

2. Lighting

Discussion was held about using solar spotlights (commercial grade) in lieu of the expensive electrical work that has been planned. There were concern, however, that the intensity would not be enough to fully light the signs.

- Action Item: Janice will check out examples at the end of Timber Lane to see what she thinks. The solar spots cost about \$50/light.

Janice has already talked to Phil at Excel and emailed Marikay to get their thoughts on lighting placement/type. She is waiting to hear back.

3. Beautification Award

The board reviewed the award from the Village.

- Action Item: Jim will ask the Club to frame and display.

It was noted that a Prestwick neighbor on the north side of Prestwick Drive also won an award and has the sign in their yard. It was decided to let them display the sign for two weeks and then Tom will call and ask them to remove it.

ARC

1. Libby house, 706 Colony

They are redoing the front and back, putting on a façade. Tom has submitted the plans to Manny for review.

2. Roofs without permits

The Village was contacted about two homes where roofs were being put on without permits. The Village issued stop orders. One homeowner did stop and follow procedure. The other proceeded anyway. Tom anticipates there will be Village action.

3. Bertrand/Kirsch home

There is some major landscaping work being done in the back of the property. It was noted that any landscaping work over \$1,000 should come for approval before the board.

SOCIAL

1. Oktoberfest

The board discussed and agreed to subsidize tickets at the same rate as last year for PHA members to attend the Club's Oktoberfest.

- Action Item: Janice will call Sue to see if she is willing to coordinate again.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Directory feedback

Board members have been getting very positive feedback on the new directory. The printing cost was donated by member Bill Kiehl of Liberty Graphics. The board appreciates his time and patience and financial contribution to producing this book as there were a number of problems with the data this year.

- Tom will purchase a plaque to thank Liberty/Bill Kiehl for their support of PHA, per the board's approval.

SECURITY

1. Robberies in Prestwick

This summer there was a robbery on Aberdeen and one on Highland. The police have had more of a presence in the area lately. Jim has gotten some questions on revisiting the security cameras. Tom noted that 10-15 years ago PHA had a No Solicitors sticker printed and gave two out with each directory. He would like to reconsider this plan for the 09 directory.

WEB SITE

1. Database

Jim got an estimate from Travis to build a database of the membership. The cost would be \$2400 to add a server and provide remote access. Jim noted that there were a number of

errors in the member data this year. It was noted that the database is currently housed in Tom's office in WordPerfect.

The decision was made to not pursue the web site database at the present time.

- Action Item: Rich will work with Sue at Tom's office to put the database in Excel.
- Action Item: Jim will talk to Travis about other web site updates.

FINANCIAL

Jim noted that the current bank balance is approximately \$29,000.00.

NEWSLETTER

1. Articles to be included in the September newsletter (mailed by mid-September):
 - a. Entrance status and thank you
 - Action Item: (Jim to give Rachel key points)
 - b. Beautification award notice (Rachel)
 - c. 4th of July Report
 - Action Item: (Tom to send Jim notes, Jim to add and give article to Rachel)
 - d. PHA Directory blurb...support advertisers (Rachel)
 - e. PHA Directory blurb...thank you to Bill Kiehl, info on Liberty (Rachel)
 - f. Oktoberfest invite/info
 - Action Item: Sue/Tom to give Rachel details
 - g. Follow up on August 25 STB hearing (Rachel)
 - h. Prestwick History (if space available – Rachel)

GOVERNMENTAL

1. CN RR

August 25 meeting at Matteson Holiday Inn

- a) STB EIS draft needs specific comments on the STB's analysis
Written comments can be mailed or emailed to DC or made at any of the public hearings.
- b) Rich sent 21 faxes to legislators who sponsored House Bill 6707 (TRACS) thanking them for their support.
- c) Key talking points include the fact that the mitigation of all crossings will total one billion dollars. The taxpayers don't have the money. There is no benefit

to area residents but a huge cost. There will be a decrease in property values along the EJ&E line.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board policy re: member terms and active vs. inactive service

The board discussed the fact that several members must have many additional commitments and don't have the time to give the PHA board.

- Action Item: Jim will send a letter to release those members from their PHA obligations.

The board agreed it needs to rethink the number of directors needed. Bylaws state 10. Currently, meeting attendance average is 4.

The recommendation was made to not meet every month, but as needed, as was done this summer.

Board members should be thinking about new director possibilities and talk to neighbors about serving.

Next meeting: September 18 unless there is no new business in which case Jim will reschedule for October.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Gilmore
Recording Secretary