

MINUTES of the PRESTWICK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
August 23, 2006

Final draft to be approved at the September meeting.

Present: Dan Smith, Jim Nolting, Paul Koreman, Janice Werner, and Rachel Gilmore (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Sue Bloomfield, John Mackowiak, Bill Matevich, Tom Barz, Dan Kresach, Ray Rossi

July minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL

Jim distributed copies of a 5 year historical budget showing categorical expenditures, along with a proposed 2007 budget. After discussion, it was recommended that Jim double check figures with Tom K. and Pat Roe at the bank, as it appeared that the total surplus was lower than anticipated. The budget will not be published in the newsletter until the numbers can be clarified. No investments will be made either until the numbers can be clarified.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will contact Tom K. and Pat Roe regarding numbers.

ENTRANCES

1. Paul will call Terry Kestle at the Village to check on the status of the Highland sign.

GOVERNMENTAL

1. Bike Path

Dan reported that things are moving more quickly with the bike path. The Forest Preserve has signed off on the route, and the Village is actively pursuing funding for it through the state. The path will wind through the Forest Preserve property and eventually connect to the sidewalk that will be built along Harlem when that reconstruction is done and Commissioners Park at the other end. Hopefully, this particular segment of bike trail construction will be finished in 2007.

2. Iron Filtration/Water System

Dan reported the Village is still waiting for EPA approval for Prestwick filtration site. He also noted that the Village will give PHA approval rights of the filtration building design. Construction may not begin now until 2007.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

1. ARC Requests

Kasala plans are still with Manny for review.

2. Bertrand Home

Paul reported that the tyvek was covered with tar paper and fake stucco is now being applied, so there is progress.

3. Beth Wickham called Dan to say that their painter is unable to come back until September, so the house will remain only primed until then. They also have a window on order that should be replaced soon.
4. Kasalas have sold their lot at 566 Aberdeen, but it is contingent on variances being granted.

MEMBERSHIP

Janice distributed copies of a welcome letter she created and would like to send to all new Prestwick residents from the PHA. The letter tells people briefly about the PHA and says a follow up call to schedule a personal visit will be coming. Janice's plan is to drop off a PHA directory and a welcome gift (perhaps donations from area merchants/Prestwick business owners) to new residents in order to personally invite them to join PHA.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim Nolting and Paul will help Janice with home visits.
- ACTION ITEM: Janice will contact area merchants to ask for gift donations.
- ACTION ITEM: Jim will contact Tom B. to see if PHA can get a regularly updated list through the multiple listing service of new Prestwick residents.

SOCIAL

Dan reported that he has negotiated a \$23/person price for the Oktoberfeste instead of the 26.95 the Club is charging. This also includes gratuity.

Sue and Dan will decide on a menu and arrange the cash bar in the room.

PHA will pay for up to 100 people, but people will have to RSVP by October 13.

- ACTION ITEM: Dan and Sue will work out the final details regarding menu/cash bar with the Club.
- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will send out a separate mailing in September inviting people to the party.

SECURITY

- ACTION ITEM: Dan will talk to Jerry Ducay about the family that built the bridge and the fence behind their house. The Village had been pursuing action on that issue, but PHA is unaware of how it has been resolved.

NEWSLETTER

The Board reviewed the newsletter and decided to see if Prestwick Garden Club submits a gardening article. If they don't by Friday, Rachel will use Paul's gardening tips.

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will send the newsletter to the printer on August 25 with mailing occurring on or before September 1.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed and approved the change in policy to waive the fee for PHA Board approval for routine home improvement projects under \$10,000. However, non-members will have to pay a \$75 fee which will automatically make them PHA members.

2. Web site

Jim reported that he had reviewed the web site for content and would like to take out the calendar function but add a “What Have We Done for You Lately” section with bulleted items detailing how PHA has benefited residents. He would also like to see added a “Useful Info” link with things like gardening tips or Harlem Ave. updates. Other possible additions included a preferred list of service providers and/or area realtor links. The Board approved the updates and approved Jim contacting Doug Rogers to have him do the work. The current plan is for the web site to be updated quarterly, if not monthly.

- ACTION ITEM: Jim will ask Doug to make the changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed Paul’s tree campaign, which he introduced as a way to help PHA residents reforest the neighborhood since he has noticed a lot of mature trees being cut down. Paul has worked out a great price with Possibility Place, and Koreman Greenhouse will do the planting. This information will go in the upcoming newsletter. It will be emphasized that this is a “gift” of sorts to PHA members from the Board, who is sponsoring this program.

2. The community softball tournament took place in August with the beneficiary being Jodie Schmidt and her family. Jodie is a local student who has leukemia. Even though PHA did not field a team, the Board approved sending the \$150 entrance fee as a contribution to her cause.

3. Dan reported that a situation has come up regarding landscape boulders along the edge of yards and damage to cars that drive too close to the boulders. Dan has stated that the PHA is staying out of any such controversies. The Village can handle the issue if they feel there is a safety issue or code problem.

4. There is a focus group for residents sponsored by the Park District on Saturday, September 9. It is a one hour time commitment. The Park is soliciting feedback on programs and facilities to help develop a master plan.

- ACTION ITEM: Dan will ask Sue to attend on behalf of PHA.

5. There will be a public hearing on September 12 for residents to get information on a proposed water park/pool complex project to be sponsored by Frankfort Park District and Frankfort Square Park District and paid for by a bond referendum.

6. Dan reported that the land at Harlem and Sauk Trail is still slated to be developed by Del Webb, but everything is on hold at the moment.

7. FYI for the Board: there is a house for sale on Golf Club Lane which is a 2 bedroom structure built on piers in the 1970's. There is no foundation. This issue will probably come before the Board for plan approval for a new structure at some point in the future.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 21, 7 p.m. at PCC.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Gilmore
Recording Secretary