

Prestwick Homeowners Association

Annual Meeting | May 28, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Jim Nolting

Prestwick is a community that is recognized as a highly desirable place to live. Our goal is to maximize community value while maintaining and improving the neighborhood. This includes:

- Aesthetics of entrances
- Adherence to deed restriction, Prestwick covenants and Village code
- Sponsoring of PHA member events
- Monitoring community issues
- Communicating the PHA position on local issues to governing bodies

Architectural Review Committee – Tom Barz

This committee primarily deals with revisions to current homes or new construction plans. The ARC reviews exterior improvement plans including large landscaping projects. If it's a big project, the plans go out to an architect for code/design review. The Village requires permit requestors to get PHA plan approval first before the permit is issued.

Entrances – Tom Wiese

My goal and objective is to get the best bang for our buck with the entrances. I oversee the contractors who work on the entrances. Over the last few years we have installed sprinklers and lighting at the entrances. Long term goals for the entrances include:

- Making sure costs stay in line with our revenues so we are fiscally responsible
- Working on beautifying cul-de-sacs

- Working with Prestwick Country Club on improving the Prestwick Drive entrance

Membership – Brandon Palmer and Judy Snider

Our goal is to increase membership in PHA. Brandon follows real estate sales closely. Brandon and Judy visit new residents and bring a welcome kit and an invitation to PHA membership. Over the past few years, they have visited 40 new homeowners.

Code Enforcement – Marc Steinman

The goal is to keep resident properties in line with Village code and ordinances, as well as Prestwick covenants and deed restrictions. The covenants are buried in the deeds. Very few people actually bother to read their deed.

When a neighbor complains or a board member sees an issue with a property, the first step is to have a conversation with that neighbor. Usually the problem gets resolved at that stage. If not, the Village is approached as needed for additional support.

Some common code enforcement situations include:

- Cutting down a tree of a certain size...the Village requires replacement
- Lengthy storage of a commercial vehicle or RV (prohibited by Village)
- Grass not maintained at Village ordinance level
- Speeding through neighborhood
- Off road vehicles on streets
- Garbage cans in view of the street or put out early and/or not removed after pick up
- Signs of any kind in the yard

Government Affairs – Rich Misorowski

PHA has been involved in the following local issues, working on behalf of residents:

- Widening of Harlem including emergency access to/from Route 30 during construction
- CN safety issues impacting Prestwick residents, including train noise mitigation and validation of CN track bed integrity
- Updating Sauk Trail Dam Emergency Action Plan and validating dam integrity...a revised EAP is due out Summer 2014 from the Will County Forest Preserve

- CN Train Derailment Emergency Action Plan...Frankfort Fire Department ultimately hosted a RR derailment seminar with a national expert as guest speaker
- Making residents aware of a need for a secondary egress route in case of emergency

Treasurer – Tom Kazmierczak

The treasurer processes the dues and pays the bills. A full audit was conducted 3 years ago and everything was found to be in order.

GUEST SPEAKER

Village of Frankfort – Mayor Holland

There are 57 homeowners associations in Frankfort. Prestwick's is the largest. The Mayor commended the board on their hard work on behalf of their residents.

The Mayor presented a variety of Village updates impacting Prestwick:

- A new water tower, 2 new wells and 2 new iron filters are being built/installed south of Prestwick. This will equalize water pressure and also increase storage capacity to meet state standards.
- The west end of Aberdeen will be repaved later in the summer.
- Harlem Avenue widening is no longer on the 5 year plan for Cook County. However, Commissioner Deborah Sims says it is still in the future plans category. Frankfort has recommended that it simply be a 3-lane roadway and Cook County is considering that option.
- Frankfort has received a petition to annex 500 acres of land south and east of Prestwick, close to Stunkel and I-57 where there is a planned interchange.
- The Village recently purchased 3 residential properties near the intersection of Elwood and White Streets. The 4 lots will be combined into H1 zoning.
- Route 30 landscaping – The Village is maintaining the landscaping in the Village. There is an area outside Village jurisdiction which is not currently being maintained. The Village is working to get that resolved.
- The Prestwick water tower is due to be painted. The PHA should let the Village know if they have a particular painting request.
- In response to a question about vacant lots being maintained, the Mayor noted that letters are sent at the beginning of the year notifying absent owners that the grass will

be cut and a lien in place if the grass goes over 6". PHA just needs to call Chris Dempsey at the Village to get empty lots cut and a lien placed on the property.

Questions arising from the public comment time and which the Mayor will follow up on included:

- Creation of a bike trail along Harlem and linking Prestwick neighborhoods to Old Plank Trail...also, is it possible to pave the shoulder along Harlem, create access to the trail at the end of Aberdeen and/or use Com Ed easements
- Maintenance of landscaping/scrub area at the northwest corner of Harlem and Sauk Trail...who is responsible?
- Paving the gravel at the end of Aberdeen by the old water treatment plant for the school buses that use it as a turnaround
- Can the Village partner with PHA to beautify the cul-de-sacs?
- Will the Village approach homeowners to request ash tree removal for dead trees? (Village does so if it's a public safety danger.)

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.