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Entrances

PHA has decided to suspend changing landscaping beds over to all perennials for the time being; it was estimated that it would cost around \$2,000 per entrance to complete, which is not in PHA's budget at this time. PHA has not received a water bill from the Village yet for sprinklers to water plants at entrances; the bill is estimated to be \$1,200. Trevarthan Landscaping provided a quote to maintain the entrances for \$12,700 – a \$300 increase over this year. Positive feedback was received from residents on the entrances; summer flowers filled in well and mums looked great. The Board voted to accept the 2017 proposal from Trevarthan.

Membership

Jim Nolting and Cathy Wrigley will prepare a draft dues letter for the December Board meeting. The goal is to mail the letter out in January.

Architectural Review Committee

Steve Larson wanted to give a brief overview of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC):

ARC is responsible for reviewing all plans that require a permit from the Village of Frankfort for any exterior improvements that a homeowner wants to make to their home or lot. ARC is intended to maintain Prestwick as a desirable community for those who live here and for those who move here in the future. ARC's review is intended to ensure that improvements to a property fit the character of Prestwick. Fences are discouraged (except to surround swimming pools). In addition, ancillary structures not attached to the house are discouraged.

Once ARC receives the plans for improvements, it will send a letter to the Village either approving the project or expressing reasons for not supporting the issuance of a permit. To expedite reviews, homeowners should submit info regarding the work to be done and materials used to ARC at the same time as applying for a Village permit. There is no fee for ARC to complete a review unless the project requires an outside consultant to assist with the review.

Most projects reviewed by ARC are to replace roofs and windows. ARC usually expedites these reviews and assists the



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homeowner through the process, as keeping a property maintained well benefits everyone.

If you are planning any remodeling/projects to your home which require PHA approval for village permits please call Steve Larson at 815.861.2964 or email him at: slarson@baxterwoodman.com

Financial

Tom Kazmierczak indicated that PHA has \$9,200 in operating funds and \$6,000 in savings reserve. One bid for E&O Insurance for 2017 came back from Tom Barz at \$1,800. Jim Nolting contacted other insurance brokers in the area to obtain other bids; none of these came close to Tom Barz's bid, so the Board opted to renew the policy with Tom.

The Board also discussed a tentative budget for 2017 and increasing dues from \$100 for houses and \$50 for condos. Consensus was that the Board is optimistic about the ability to increase membership due to the continued strong sale of homes in Prestwick and the high rate of membership of new residents after visits by the Membership Committee. New residents are very willing to join and find the \$100 annual dues very reasonable. The Board has decided to keep PHA dues at the same rate for 2017.

Website

Just a reminder, PHA's website is <http://prestwickhomeowners.com/>

Governmental

Rich Misiorowski talked to Rob Piscia at the Village about striping on Sauk Trail for the new proposed crosswalk. He confirmed PHA would prefer striping perpendicular to the roadway, crossing signage, and an asphalt apron for pedestrians that connects to the striping.

The Board also discussed follow up on residents' concern over the railroad tie embankment falling into Hickory Creek and causing flooding. Rich Misiorowski and Steve Larson sent a letter to the Village stating that in PHA's opinion, the Village and Forest Preserve District of Will County are responsible for maintenance of the downstream creek, and not individual residents. They are awaiting a response.

Code Enforcement

Lee Hill updated the list of violations that he submits to the Village on a regular basis. He noted that some of these properties regarding inoperable vehicles and lax property maintenance have been on the list for over 1 year. The Board recommended that Lee schedule a meeting with Jerry Ducay to focus on follow up by the Village on issues since PHA has kept up with documentation and communication with the Village for over 1 year. If you see any properties that are not properly maintained, inoperable vehicles, etc., please contact Lee Hill at mrleehill@comcast.net to report them.

Reminders

Just a few reminders for you:

- Many of you like walking/running through our beautiful neighborhood during all seasons...please make sure you walk/run against traffic and wear light colored or reflective clothing in the evening, and please stay at the edge of the road. This is to protect you, as sometimes drivers have a hard time seeing walkers, especially with as many twists and turns as our roads have.
- A resident on Highland Road mentioned to me the other day that they saw a large coyote in their yard, and another smaller coyote near the entrance to St. Andrews Way. Please be aware that we have coyotes in the neighborhood since we are surrounded by woods, so keep a watchful eye on your pets and children.
- 2016 Holiday Beautification Awards – Several homes in Prestwick decorate beautifully for Christmastime. I've attached the form for you to fill out to nominate these homes for Beautification Awards. Please return it to the Village by Dec. 16th.

Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 7pm at Prestwick Country Club. If you plan on attending, please email Brandon Palmer at BAP80@aol.com to ensure there is enough space.

Welcome To The Neighborhood!



Please help the association welcome our newest neighbors:

Brian Dilger and Lindsay Allen at 967 Shetland

Lionel and Chelese Johnson at 553 Aberdeen

Prestwick Community Improvements

The PHA board would like to devote some e-newsletter space to recognizing the efforts of Prestwick residents who have invested extensive time and money into beautifying their properties. From gorgeous landscaping that complements the home to improvements that breathe new life into a fixer upper, we commend these homeowners for their commitment to excellence. We also encourage you to participate in this recognition process by nominating your neighbors! Simply send an email to PHA board member Tom Wiese at wiesetom@hotmail.com with the subject line "Beautification" and the address you feel deserves a mention. Truly, when individual properties look lovely, our whole neighborhood shines like the gem it is!

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