

Minutes for the Prestwick Homeowners Association

September 20, 2012

Present: Jim Nolting, Tom Kazmierczak, Rich Misiorowski, Brandon Palmer, Tom Barz, Judy Snider, Rachel Gilmore,

Absent: Bill Matevich, Tom Wiese, Greg Bird, Marc Steinman

Brandon moved and Tom B. seconded to accept the July 19, 2012, minutes. All were in favor.

ENTRANCES

1. Sprinklers

No update on connecting to village water. Tom B. thought the village would not approve free use of village water for sprinklers. Discussion was held on putting a meter on a connection for the sprinklers and paying the monthly bill or finding a contractor who would supply the water (like Koreman does for the village hanging baskets that he maintains).

2. Landscaping

There was an issue with Aberdeen Road impatiens. Discussion was held about possible overwatering. The sprinkler there is adjustable. Overall, board members have received many compliments on the entrance beds this year, except for Shetland, which has no water source.

→ ACTION ITEM: Jim will ask Tom W. to follow up with Koreman and adjust the sprinkler timing as needed.

3. Holiday Decorations

Jim indicated Tom W. spoke with Koreman and signed the contract for fall and winter seasonal decorating. Fall will include pumpkins and gourds and will be set up early to mid-October for a total of \$666.

Discussion was held on the winter decorating contract. The board agreed to pay half of the contract amount once the fall decorations are in place.

ARC

1. Tom has been processing many roof replacement requests. All standard.

2. Discussion was held on 937 Shetland. A prospective buyer wants to put a commercial trailer on an asphalt pad on the side of the house. He called Tom to discuss before making an offer on the house. The village has okayed it if the area is screened and fenced and if PHA permits it. Tom referred the board back to the village ordinances about parking a commercial vehicle on residential property. It is prohibited if over 9000 pounds.

The board unanimously agreed NOT to approve the parking request. The trailer would have to be garaged or stored off site.

3. Signs

Jim reminded board members that they are encouraged to pull signs on lawns and talk to the homeowner about the no sign restriction in Prestwick.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership Status

Brandon attempted to visit 541 Aberdeen, but no one has been home. He did make contact with the Phelans at 562I Aberdeen. They are excited to be here but thought that the bank had paid their dues for the year. Discussion was held on collecting dues during the initial welcome visit. In July, the board passed a motion to collect full dues through June 30. New residents moving in between July 1 and September 30 would pay 50% dues. No dues would be collected between October 1 and December 31 for the current year.

Brandon noted the value of keeping the PHA website up to date, as the Phelans went on and read all the minutes and newsletters before deciding to purchase their home.

Jim asked Judy and Brandon to brainstorm ideas for improving/increasing membership. Brandon noted that he thought in person invitations worked the best but obviously involved the most board time. Phone calls were also good follow up.

2. New Resident Gift

Tom B. made a motion and Brandon seconded to purchase discounted copies of Rachel's photo history book, Images of America: Frankfort, to give as a new resident welcome gift. All were in favor. Tom K. asked Rachel to send him an invoice for the books.

FINANCIAL

1. Treasurer's Report

PHA is in a good financial position. There will be a few invoices coming in before the end of the year from Koreman for landscaping/decorating, as well as secretarial services from Rachel, but otherwise no other expenses are expected.

→ ACTION ITEM: Rachel will check Tom's September balances against the database to see if the income figures match.

Rich moved and Brandon seconded to accept the financial report. All were in favor.

SOCIAL

1. Survey

Discussion was held on the sample survey.

The board asked for a question to be added about willingness to volunteer to run an event.

Other things to change: remove asterisks before questions, create an introduction explaining the survey and possibly provide options for past events attended.

All comments should be sent to Rachel and Jim by Monday.

The survey will be included in the newsletter, as well as emailed to all members as a link.

SECURITY

WEB SITE

GOVERNMENTAL

1. Code Violation Enforcement Committee Status

No report.

Discussion was held on the Keller property. The hot dog cart has been removed from view, and the mulch pile is decreasing.

2. Neighborhood Safety Issues

Rich continues to address the dam safety issue with the Village. In addition the board discussed what to do in case of a CN derailment. Tom K. would be willing to be part of a meeting with the village about derailment emergency procedures.

LEGAL

No report.

NEWSLETTER

The next newsletter will go out in September. Articles will include:

1. Welcome New Neighbors
2. Fall Garden Tip (either from Koreman or Prestwick Garden Club)
3. Survey
4. Making Addresses Visible
5. Liberty Thank You
6. Reminder about not cutting mature trees as it relates to a village ordinance
7. Note on following building codes/ordinances

NEXT MEETING: late November/early December, holiday get together & meeting, 7 p.m. PCC

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Gilmore, Recording Secretary