

Prestwick Homeowners Association

Minutes for 7.31.14

Present: Jim Nolting, Greg Bird, Rich Misiorowski, Brandon Palmer, Judy Snider, Tom Wiese, Tom Kazmierczak, Rachel Gilmore

Absent: Bill Matevich, Lee Hill, Marc Steinman

Approval of minutes

After brief discussion, the board agreed to hold elections for executive positions. Rich motioned and Tom Wiese seconded for the following slate: Jim Nolting, President; Tom Wiese, Vice President; Bill Matevich, Secretary; Tom Kazmierczak, Treasurer. All were in favor. The board noted that Jim has a full vote of confidence from them, as well as the support of the residents.

ENTRANCES

1. Sauk Tail Irrigation bills - winter sewer charge

Tom W. will call in October for turn off service with turn on in May. He will call the Village to shut off water for the winter and make sure we don't get a reconnect fee or get hit with service charges over the winter.

Note: The Village has a study going for the 20 year sewer plan. It is still in draft form. They will be required to comply with EPA mandates regarding the amount of softener salt that can be contained in waste water treatment plant effluent. Suggestion was made to include an item in an upcoming newsletter about recalibrating

softeners and asking residents to use less salt. Also a comment was made that overall the drinking water quality has improved in recent

2. Dead Ash Trees

Discussion was held about all the dead ash trees, in particular those that may be public safety hazards. There was a question about ownership of a dead tree in the planting on the west side of Shetland.

Suggestion was made to approach Stumps for another group discount for tree removal, possibly over the winter when their business is slow.

➔ ACTION ITEM: Jim will contact Stumps.

MEMBERSHIP

1. New Members

Things have slowed down over the spring and summer, although more houses are entering the market due to improved selling prices. Judy made a home visit to Thelma Ablan.

2. Membership Dues

The board discussed and agreed that after the directory is printed, any new members paying dues will be considered paid in full for the remainder of the current year and paid in advance for the coming year, as incentive to join. This income is treated as deferred revenue. These members will be listed as pre-paid in the database.

3. Directories

The board agreed the new directories look very nice and the price was reasonable.

ARC

1. There have been a lot of requests for new roofs.
2. There was a homeowner concern over the need for PHA approval for a screened porch, but issue was resolved after PHA spoke with the homeowner and explained that PHA wasn't asking for anything not in line with Village requirements.
3. Note: The Village has approved the use of vinyl siding if it meets certain specifications. At present it's unknown if this is for replacement of like kind or can be used in lieu of previous cedar siding.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Lee is working on a master list of properties needing attention.

Brandon submitted a list to Jim which includes: 542 Aberdeen, 648 Pheasant Trail, 686 golf Club Lane, 670 Fairway, 836 Highland and the vacant lot next to Sayeed which needs mowing. The board also noted that 802 Highland has a blue tarp on the back side of the house. Lee's list will be sent to the Village with a request to enforce the codes.

Tom K noted the house next to him has an unused swimming pool which had its liner removed but is now filling with rain water and is a mosquito breeding ground. It also has no cover. Possibly this is a health department issue now?

Hot dog carts are still on the property across from Tom on Highland.

For September meeting, Jim request that the board come up with a plan of attack to address the run down homes.

- Does the Village have a strategy in place to address this overall?
- What is the PHA procedure for reporting code violations and getting Village assistance in addressing them?

Brandon noted that the foreclosure rate in Prestwick is lower than average in surrounding areas.

Suggestion was made to use word of mouth to find buyers who would like to invest sweat equity in a Prestwick property that may require some fixing up.

FINANCIAL

Ending balance as of 7.31.14 is \$23,013.66.

SOCIAL

- No report

SECURITY

- No report.

WEB SITE

- ACTION ITEM: Rachel will send Annual Report minutes and summer newsletter, along with July minutes, to Travis for posting. Rich will also send a copy of the Evacuation Plan for posting on the website.

GOVERNMENTAL

1. Evacuation Plan

Rich's Evacuation Plan document will be posted on the website. The next newsletter will direct people to the website and ask them to make their own emergency plans regarding evacuation in case of the dam breaking or other emergency.

2. WCFPD Dam

Rich reported that Will County did make a dam inspection this summer.

3. Bike Path

The request for a bike path along Harlem was discussed at the Annual Meeting. The Village's position is that any future bike path is tied to the widening of Harlem and where access points could be located. At this point, there are no plans to install any kind of bike path without the widening project in progress.

LEGAL

- No report.

NEWSLETTER

Next issue out in late September.

Articles to include:

1. Welcome New Neighbors
2. Entrance Beautification Award
3. Rich's blurb about Evacuation Plan on website
4. Article about pedestrian safety (walkers and drivers both be alert and follow Rules of the Road)
5. Article about salt reduction in water softeners related to Village 20 year sewer plan
6. Possible blurb about group discount for tree removal over winter
7. Keeping the Covenants reminder

Next meeting: early September at 7 pm at the Club

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Gilmore

Recording Secretary