

Greenway Fields Homes Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors
April 27, 2015

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the home of Nola Devitt, 445 W. 61st Terrace, after Board members did a “walking tour” of the six landscaping areas within GFHA.

Board Members:

Present - David Slawson, Nola Devitt, Scott Kaiser, Sarah McCracken, Jeanette LePique, Cady Seabaugh
Absent - Neil O'Connor, Charlotte Rinehart

I. Agenda

Agenda for April 27, 2015 meeting submitted and amended to reflect discussion of landscaping issues under President's Update (III. A) and the creation of a calendar/to-do list. Amended agenda unanimously approved.

II. Old Business

A. Approve March 2015 Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2015 Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. New Business

A. President's Update - David

David announced the resignation of Charlotte Rinehart from the GFHA Board for personal reasons, effective April 8, 2015. David wants to review process of conveying accurate information to residents as some email communication among residents about caring for newly planted trees was inaccurate. Will discuss in Communication update by Cady (III. E)

Landscaping - Prior to start of meeting, David led Board members on a tour of the six areas (Meyer Columns, Greenway Entrance, Greenway Circle, Circle at Greenway & Pennsylvania, Strawn Park, Monkey Island at Pennsylvania & Valley) and discussed each area's assessment and plan from Soil Service. Soil Service's landscaping bid for April - November 2015 is \$13,600.

Several board members emphasized making landscaping GFHA a priority, particularly since the neighborhood centennial will occur in 2017. Nola recommended consulting with a professional landscape architect and creating a multi-year, cohesive, master plan for the areas. Cady suggested a prioritized 5-year plan done in phases. Board members identified immediate areas that could be addressed in Strawn Park:

1. solve the chronic drainage issue behind the benches
2. level / repair of concrete benches
3. leveling, or possible moving, the two concrete statues for greater visual impact.

Sarah reported that the CID currently is approximately \$300 under budget in “Islands/Ground Maintenance” and that the Reserves (accumulated from previous years) has approximately \$41,000 that could be available for use on a landscaping beautification initiative. David suggests deciding on available funds before obtaining a consult. Cady suggested having a brainstorming meeting with neighbors to get feedback from residents. Nola can include newsletter articles/updates throughout the process. Scott will look in to consulting with a civil engineer about the drainage issue at Strawn Park. Other suggestions included the placement of bronze plaques similar to those on the columns and the entrance to Greenway Terrace in other locations in GFHA.

B. Treasurer's Update - Sarah

GFHA budget is on target. Security is largest expense and some neighbors have expressed desire for more visibility of security in neighborhood. David will call security contact for update and discuss more in-depth at next meeting.

C. Upcoming Events Planning

1. Garage Sale - May 15 & 16 (Thursday & Friday) 8 am - 4pm

Nola has signs. David will post on Craig's List and NextDoor Brookside. Cady will post on MailChimp and distribute to Bob Deeg for Block Captains.

2. Neighborhood Picnic - Sunday, June 7, 5pm - 7 pm. Newsletter had different date but Cady will send out a correction on MailChimp.

D. Newsletter update - Nola

Latest issue went out recently. Board members were complimentary of layout and content.

E. Website / Communication Update - Cady

Cady is updating Board@greenwayfields.org distribution list and will remove resigned and former board members from distribution (Vern Stilwell, Clem Helmstetter, Beth Noble). Nola motioned that a policy be in place that the board email distribution list reflect current members only. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously **voted** on to suspend or delete users 14 days after notification. Cady can add other email addresses for Board members to the distribution list, in addition to Board@greenwayfields.org.

Website has been updated with events, finances, link to Minutes, board members, and Block Captains. Cady would like MailChimp to be primary communication and the Block Captain role is seen more as personal contact ("welcome wagon").

F. Landscaping - discussed in President's Update

G. Calendar

Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints.

IV. Next Meeting & Location

The next meeting will be Monday, May 11th, 2015 at Cady Seabaugh's, 427 Greenway at 7:00 pm.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.