

Greenway Fields Homes Association
Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 20, 2014

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at the home of Neil O'Connor, 430 Greenway Terrace.

Board Members:

Present - Neil O'Connor, Nola Devitt, Bob Deeg, David Slawson, Jeanette LePique

Absent - Cady Seabaugh, Scott Kaiser, Vern Stilwell, Sarah McCracken

I. Agenda

Agenda for October 20, 2014 meeting submitted and approved.

II. Old Business

A. Approve September 2014 Meeting Minutes

September 2014 Minutes were unanimously approved.

III. New Business

A. President's Update

Neil reported everything on track with no new items to report.

B. Financial Update

Neil reported for Sarah that Financials were in order and up to date.

C. Block Captain Update - Bob Deeg

1. Block Captain Appreciation - Bob recommends postponing appreciation party to January 25, 2015. Will discuss at November meeting sending a "Save-the-Date" email to the 10-12 Block Captains. Specifics for party will be tabled until November meeting. It was also discussed that Block Captains be recognized at the Holiday Party in December with a gift or gift card from a Brookside merchant (not to exceed \$15 each) if in line with the budget. A **vote was taken** and unanimously approved, pending approval with Sarah. If approved, Jeanette will pick up items before party.
2. E-mail list for Mailchimp - Bob suggested tabling Mailchimp discussion when Cady available because he is having difficulty with Block Captains sharing email lists. Nola and David offered that perhaps the site "Next Door Brookside" (a free social media notification service targeted directly to a neighborhood) might be explored as another option in communicating with residents. It allows posting of events (picnic, parade, party,...) as well as neighbors seeking information from neighbors on things such as services, lost pets, etc. Nola will discuss with Cady NextDoor vs. MailChimp as the communication choice for GFHA. Neil, Bob, & Jeanette will sign up at nextdoor.com before next meeting and report their opinion at the November meeting.

D. Grounds Update - David Slawson

1. "Bee in Garden" Bid: David met with Mary Meador from "Bee In the Garden", current landscaping service, regarding bid for 2015 season of \$9,984.50 (+ \$337.50 from 2014) for the five areas:
 - Greenway Entryway (63rd St & Wornall)
 - Circle at Greenway & Pennsylvania
 - Columns at Meyer Blvd & Wornall
 - Strawn Park at 63rd St. & Valley

- Monkey Park Triangle at 62nd St. & Pennsylvania

David thought it would be a good idea to get two additional landscaping bids to compare, possibly inviting them to November meeting. He will contact prospective landscaping services. He also discussed the idea of recruiting neighbors to help with plantings as neighborhood events (reduces cost and encourages interaction among neighbors). The volunteer tree survey event had very good participation.

Statues in Strawn Park - David investigated the report of the leaning statues and thinks they are solid. They were not installed on a concrete pedestal so they have shifted over time with ground movement.

2. Park Equipment Inspection - David will call Kansas City Parks & Recreation to get specifics on play equipment maintenance and will report at November meeting.
3. Tree Replacement - David will discuss inspection and tree replacement of recently planted trees with Kansas City Forestry Department. Neil will check on any tree credits.

E. Strawn Park swing - Neil O'Connor

Neil motioned GFHA pay outstanding balance of child swing installed in Strawn Park in Spring 2014. **Vote was taken** and unanimously approved. Neil will check with Sarah and ask her to pay from appropriate budget line item.

F. Newsletter Update - Nola Devitt

1. Unbilled / Unpaid prior advertising and upcoming policy decision. Nola will contact, and attempt to collect from, 2014 advertisers. If unpaid by next newsletter print deadline, ad will not be printed. Currently, a 2" x 2" ad is \$20 (x 4 issues = \$80/yr). For simplification, David suggests in 2015, and going forward, advertisers pay for entire year.
2. Article suggestions for 4Q Newsletter: **November 10th deadline**
 - nextdoor.com
 - Brookside Tree Lighting Date
 - Annual Holiday Lighting Contest
 - "Small Business Saturday" - Jeanette
 - Holiday Party
 - "Holiday things to do with your family" - David
 - President's letter
 - Neighborhood watch / Security / KCPD ride-along - Bob
 - ... other suggestions email to Nola
3. GFHA Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 14th, 5-7 p.m. at David Slawson's, 400 W. 63rd St. Jeanette will call previous hosts, Marianne & David, to discuss.

IV. Next Meeting and Location

The next meeting will be Monday, November 17, 2014 at Jeanette LePique's home, 6418 Wornall Terrace at 7:00 p.m.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.