

APPROVED Minutes of the Board of Directors
Greenway Fields Homes Association
January 20, 2014

Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. at the home of Julie Nelson Meers

Board Members:

Present - Clem Helmstetter (via phone link), Julie Nelson Meers, Beth Noble, Nola Devitt, Scott Kaiser, Jeanette LePique

Absent - Cady Seabaugh, Christian Schulz

Agenda

Agenda for January 20, 2014 meeting submitted by Clem Helmstetter was approved with the addition of discussion of Board candidates for election at annual meeting in February, and motion to add infant swing at Strawn Park.

Mary Meador from "Bee in the Garden" personally addressed the board to thank GFHA for landscaping business.

Old Business

Approve Meeting Minutes

Minutes from November 18, 2013 Board of Directors meeting were approved with revisions noted.

Financial Update

Clem reported that GFHA is on budget.

Church Billing/Assessment

Clem discussed billing of the two churches that are located within GFHA (Wornall Road Baptist Church and St. Andrews Episcopal Church) based on easement, which is approximately \$420.00 combined. HAKC bills them directly because funds are not obtained via CID. In the past, the billing was inconsistent and, because it is a source of GFHA income, Clem recommends that these become a line item on budget going forward so this revenue is not missed.

New Business

Landscaping Update

Beth reported that Strawn Park had a Fall clean-up by "Bee In the Garden" before the application of playground rubber mulch. Payments to "Bee..." begin 4/1/14. Beth suggests future landscaping budgets/agreements have Fall Clean-up scheduled.

Snow Plow Update

Beth reported that thus far, there have been three snow removal events (i.e. more than 2 inches snow), and invoices have been received and processed. She also reported a large mound of snow (> 2 feet) at 61st & Pennsylvania perhaps done by a city snow removal plow to clear a bus route.

Tree Project with City

Final plan submitted and 253 trees (12 varieties) ordered. \$3,000 check was sent to city. Goal is for planting to occur in first two weeks in March, with tree location tagged according to plan. Beth has invited a representative of the Forestry Department to the GFHA Annual Meeting in February to report and update residents on the tree planting plan.

Greenway / Penn Traffic Circle

Beth reported from the neighborhood committee. After reviewing police reports regarding vehicular damage to traffic circle, the committee recommends improved lighting (? KCPL involvement) and signage, however, these recommendations need to be approved by Public Works. Beth will draft letter and committee report for Clem to forward to appropriate agency.

Communication Plan / HAKC Update / E-mail Opt-in

Beth reported for Cady. Cady checked with HAKC and a card can be created for residents to designate how they can participate in GFHA, as well as submitting their e-mail.

Annual Meeting

GFHA Annual Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday, February 8th at the Brookside. Board members to arrive @ 8:20 a.m. to greet neighbors and assist with sign-in and name tags. Breakfast at 8:30 and meeting to commence at 9:00.

- Clem reporting on budget/financials (increase in dues next year), website, and email communication.
- Representative from K C Forestry department will discuss Tree plan.
- Board Member elections
- ? Cady reporting on GFHA communication plan
- Nola to thank out-going board members (Clem, Julie, Christian)

Newsletter Advertisements

Clem discussed that newsletter advertisers are a source of income for GFHA. If all advertising space is sold (2" x 2" @ \$25 each = \$100/ 4 issues or \$80 if paid at beginning of year), newsletter costs will be covered as long as advertisers are invoiced and pay accordingly. Clem recommends the Board Treasurer be responsible for billing. Beth shared that two new advertisers have bought space in newsletter - "Bee-In-the-Garden" and Salon Mir.

GFHA Budget FY 2015-2016

Clem will update and present to Annual Meeting.

Christian Schulz Resigning Board Position

Christian resigning but is willing to continue helping with quarterly newsletter. Currently, he is paid \$200/year for newsletter duties. New board members will decide.

Board Candidates

GFHA has nine positions (there must be at least five but no more than nine) with four positions open after Clem, Julie, & Christian leave board. Julie shared names of interested residents for board positions: Bob Deeg, Vern Stilwell, Neil O'Connor, & Matt Hanson. Julie recommends assigning specific duties so all duties are shared and accomplished. She will also transfer Block Captain information to new coordinator. Clem will make a list of duties for compliance of bylaws of HAKC and CID. He will be available for first Board meeting with new members.

Motion to add infant swing at Strawn Park

Board unanimously approved purchase of infant swing, if less than \$500, to be paid by GFHA account. Beth will coordinate.

Next Meeting and Location

The next meeting and location will be determined at Annual Meeting, Saturday, February 8, 2014. Nola will coordinate, tentatively scheduled for Monday, 2/17/14.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.