

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
WALNUT GROVE HOMES ASSOCIATION

June 13, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

Stark Company Realtors  
702 N. High Point Road  
Madison, WI 53717

Present: John Pinto (President), Katherine Bidwell (Vice President), Elizabeth Albano (Secretary), Birgitta Larson Gamez (Treasurer), Amelia Tastad (Communications), Dave Phillips (Greenways), Liz Fenster (Block Captains).

Excused: Diane Littman (Social) and Susan Ames (ACC Chair)

Convening of Meeting J. Pinto opened meeting at 6:30pm, distributed an Agenda and requested approval of the draft Minutes of the last regular Board meeting previously e-mailed to the Board by E. Albano.

Secretary's Report/Quorum/Approval of Minutes J. Pinto recognized a quorum. E. Albano moved approval of May 9, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented; seconded by K. Bidwell; Approved unanimously by all members present.

## REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: B. Larson Gamez reported checking account as of 5/9/2018 is \$40,150.51 and savings is 3,155.22. Park fund \$2,821.03 (must be used for Walnut Grove Park). Collected \$835 in outstanding dues. Reported \$919.76 in disbursements from 05/09-06/11, including \$440.10 for landscaping, \$40 for circle maintenance (has not been cashed yet), \$154.88 for MG&E, and \$314.48 for Water (due on 6/8/2018). Ending balance as of 6/11/2018 \$40,580.51.

All outstanding bills have been paid. All second notices for 2018 have been sent. 305 lots out of 314 have been paid (97%).

Regarding insurance, need to file paperwork to receive actual quote. B. Larson Gamez will complete the paperwork. L. Fenster reported idea to switch over account to money market account. If/when switch over to a new bank/credit union, explore a debit or credit card for the Board.

President's Report: J. Pinto reported complaint from Carol Ottenstein of 26 Oxwood Circle about 17 Rye Circle. Sent them a letter at end of June to rectify problem. John will follow-up if has been completed. If it has not, Board will have lawn mowed, including remove tall weeds and tree limb. No action needed until end of June. At closing on 7106 Farmington Way, fully paid outstanding dues. Ken Sadeghian, noted his circle is not being resurfaced on Winterset Circle. J. Pinto forwarded message to the city alderman. Board does not have control over repaving plans for the city.

Architectural Control Committee Report K. Bidwell on behalf of S. Ames reported no updates.

Greenways Report: D. Phillips held a greenways meeting on May 12, 2018. Reported complaints about mowing. Grass cuttings should be removed or mulched. D. Phillips will call Bunders Lawn Care for clarification. If improvements are not made, other providers will be considered for the future. Keyman Lawncare is doing a satisfactory job with fertilizing. EAB tree inoculation by Arbor Systems, will inoculate previously identified trees. Greenway committee discussed possibility for inoculation every third year. D. Phillips will follow-up with Jeff Olson. Committee agreed that professional treatment will be required for invasive species removal. D. Phillips will follow-up.

Greenway committee agreed that walkways will have to be repaved. This would require significant increase of membership dues and/or some funding mechanism. Walkways are a selling point for the neighborhoods. Compare fees to other associations around Walnut Grove. Quote of \$41,000 to pave just Greenway D. Walkways last paved 10-15 years ago. Option to give the walkways back to the city and they will take care of it, but association would not have control over it any longer.

Discussed Sauk Creed Greenway Repair. H. McComb and D. Phillips will draft a statement of support for the greenway repair that does not include lights and paved bikeways. The Board will seek agreement from other neighborhood associations and/or present statement to the city. Greenway volunteer workdays where block captains assess need for invasive plant removal in their areas and organize workdays.

D. Phillips moved that the Board present a position paper that the Sauk Creek Greenway Repair does not include electric lights or paved bikeway. The Board agrees to all other improvements the city wants to do to the greenway including tree removal, invasive species, and creating walkways. A. Tastad seconded motion. Board approved unanimously.

Block Captains/Communication Committees Report: K. Bidwell reported on behalf of L. Fenster newsletters delivered to all block captains. New residents to Walnut Grove have received welcome packets. Exploring potential potluck for all of the block captains. Another newsletter will be sent out in the Fall.

Social Committee Report: J. Pinto reported on behalf of D. Littman the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is scheduled on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am-12:00pm in Walnut Grove Park. Food and drinks will be provided. Searching for face painting helpers. Idea for temporary tattoos table. Adult Social taking place on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Nitty Gritty in Middleton from 3:30pm-6:00pm. Both events will be announced on next door

**Old Business:**

>No new business to report.

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ADJOURNMENT J. Pinto noted that the next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 6:30pm.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Submitted by E. Albano