

MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETINGS of the Walnut Grove Homes Association

November 14, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Stark Office
702 N. High Point Road, Madison WI

Present: Present: John Pinto (President), Birgitta Larson Gamez (Treasurer), Amelia Tastad (Communications), Dave Phillips (Greenways), Liz Fenster (Block Captains), Katherine Bidwell (Vice President), Susan Ames (ACC), Diane Littman (Social), Hagit Vardi – guest to speak about Playground updates. Advocated for wood chips, instead of rubber.

Excused: Elizabeth Albano (Secretary)

Meeting: B Larson Gamez opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. B Larson Gamez moved approval of meeting minutes from October 2019 board meeting minutes as presented; seconded by A. Tastad. Approved unanimously by all members present.

REPORTS

Treasurer

Discussion about Walnut Grove Playground. B Larson Gamez went to the Madison Parks playground meeting at Sequoya Library in October. All residents in Walnut Grove were sent a notice of the meeting. Walnut Grove had 5 members in attendance. Items of note: 1) Walnut Grove playground equipment will be removed and upgraded in Spring 2019. The park playground equipment will be unusable for 4-6 weeks (maybe longer if weather changes timeline of project). 2) Walnut Grove will be upgraded to a community park, from a neighborhood park. This means that the WG park serves a larger community, than a typical neighborhood park in Madison. In addition, this means that WG will be allotted \$45,000.00 to upgrade the playground. WG will also have two play structures, one for ages 2-5, and the other ages 6-12. WG will also receive more swings – 3 bays of swings. Neighborhood parks receive \$30,000.00 and one play structure. As a 5-member group, we decided that [Playworld](#) would be our vendor for the Walnut Grove Park. Derek Pavelec (NextDoor lead) placed a poll on Next Door. What the community prefer - Wood fiber or rubber composite. Included in these minutes will be an addendum with the letter for Governor Patrick, an article about the harms of playing on rubber recycled tires.

Checking Account (as of 11/14/2018): \$29,609.42

Savings Account: \$3,155.88

Park Fund: \$2,821.03 – must be used for Walnut Grove Park

Income: \$0

Disbursements: (Since Sept. 1st, 2018) \$8,393.65

President

Phone call from Jason (did not state last name) – Jason wanted to know about Fences.

Greenways

Will supplement minutes with Davey's report. See addendum. Oak leaves are still coming down. In greenway D – it needs one more attempt to remove leaves. B Larson Gamez volunteered to have someone in her household remove the leaves. Grass on Greenways needs to be mulched. Want to protect lampposts and trees. Tim Craine is getting bids to move to a new company for mowing. Add language into the contract that says they would be liable for any damage done to trees or lampposts. Davey met with a resident who wanted to put in an irrigation system. Davey and the resident arrived at an appropriate solution, so the irrigation system was not placed in the Greenways.

Block Captains

Nothing to report.

Social

Nothing to report

Communication

A Tastad is working on the mailer for meeting. B Larson Gamez will help with mail merge for mailing.

Houses for sale – update from Vice President

Two new listings in the neighborhood. 7013 Colony Dr. and 10 Oxwood Cir.

8 houses sold from Aug-Nov in 2018.

Architectural Control Committee (ACC)

21 Winterset Cir was discussed.

Old Business

Directors & Officer's Insurance (DNO) Birgitta will finish application tomorrow. Recommendation for dues to be increased to max of \$80.00 annual to improve the Greenways.

New Business

Walnut Grove annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th from 1-3 p.m. at Stark Office 702 N. High Point Road, Madison WI. Birgitta will work on Treasurer budget for next month to review prior to Annual meeting. B Larson Gamez demonstrated a PowerPoint to add a bit of structure to the Annual Meeting. We plan to meet for 1 hour. PowerPoint will be used. WG will not be serving lunch. WG is trying to find opportunities to maximize funds, and put those funds towards both the Greenways and in the increase in water bill amounts.

Nextdoor

Discussion about responsible posting. Derek Pavelec is the NextDoor administrator. B Larson Gamez will communicate with Tim Craine to see if he is willing to change his post headings from "Crime and Safety" to "General" per this article: https://help.nextdoor.com/s/article/be-helpful-not-hrful?language=en_US#5. This action will eliminate the mass alerts that go out to NextDoor subscribers.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by B Lasron Gamez