

Minutes of the Walnut Grove Homes Association May 2019 Board Meeting

5/15/19, 6:30 p.m.

Start Company Realtors, 702 N High Point Rd, Madison, WI 53717

**Attendees:** Kathy McComb, Pam Conrad, Liz Fenster, Katherine Bidwell, Susan Ames, Hayden McCann, Davie Phillips

**Excused:** B. Larson-Gamez, C. Van Horn, E. Konover

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by K. Bidwell

April minutes reviewed and approved by D. Phillips; seconded by L. Fenster

**Treasurer Update:**

- Reviewed "Treasurer Updates 5/15/2019" (separate document) from B. Larson-Gamez
- D. Phillips moved to accept this report; S. Ames seconded.

**ACC:**

- Re: fences
  - Are fences "grandfathered in"?
  - There's a process for new neighbors to go through with the ACC
- No record keeping; therefore, we have no way to know what was approved, variances, etc
  - Proposal: starting now, we should create a log of fences, and then be thorough in communications and consistent with approvals
- Add to newsletter again about covenants for any construction, in particular fences
- It has happened that the HOA has persuaded and succeeded in making a homeowner take down a non-compliant fence.
- Revisited last month's discussion of the falling down fence on Oxwood Circle. Would like to encourage homeowner to remove the fence. Board to offer to help.
- Reviewed fence stipulations; the covenants state a 36" fence is allowed. (There seems to be a discrepancy in whether approval is still needed.)
- January board meeting minutes stated that ACC would no longer to approve fences.
- Discussion of YouTube video (public video)
  - Currently called "Fence Violations" but not everything in the video are violations
    - Pool fences are required
    - Decorative fences are not violations
  - Motion to remove from YouTube but retain for reference if needed?
    - D. Phillips moved to remove the video, A. Tastad seconded.
    - K. McComb to talk to MaryKay about taking down video
    - All voted in favor
- Discussion of historical fences
  - Historical fences that are in compliance: okay and in compliance
    - No action needed (but will be documented)
- Historical fences that are out of compliance:

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- Do not have records to indicate variances
- There is a current fence on greenway (would require surveying to find property line)
- Suggestion: Focus on violations only
  - Make chart and track in the future
- Document current fences to establish go forward plan
  - Pam and Kathy to walk and Liz to document

### **Greenways**

- Reviewed the Greenways Committee Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2019 (separate document provided by David Phillips)

### **Social**

- Report from Kathy McComb
- Cinco de Mayo at the Vintage was a success
- Over 50 people attended, including new residents

### **Communications**

- Newsletter in progress
- After above discussion, will include a section (generic) about needing approval for structures including fences
- Next event Greenway Crawl on June 29<sup>th</sup>
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Block Captains – no update**

Motion to close by K. Bidwell. Seconded by A. Tastad.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.