

Minutes of the Walnut Grove Homes Association July Board Meeting
7/10/19, 6:30 p.m.
Start Company Realtors, 702 N High Point Rd, Madison, WI 53717

Attendees: Liz Fenster, Katherine Bidwell, Susan Ames, Davie Phillips, Elizabeth Albano, Birgitta Larson-Gamez, Doug Hyant, Molly Hyant

Excused: C. Van Horn, H. McCann, Kathy McComb, Pam Conrad

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

June meeting minutes reviewed. L. Fenster motions to approve, B. Larson-Gamez seconds motion. Minutes approved unanimously by the board.

Treasury Update:

- Only 16 outstanding dues.
- Summit Credit Union Account balance (as of 7/10/2019): \$29,711.16
- Savings Account Balance: \$1,552.42
- Money Market Accountant balance: \$10,054.53
- Income: \$732.61 + \$235.00 + 1,475 = \$2,442.61
- Disbursements: \$1,089.59
- Outstanding bills: Social, Greenway Crawl
- Work on playground will begin soon. Area will be under construction for at least 6 weeks.

President Message:

- Noise concerns- resident on Colony Drive voiced concerns about noise from the Flower Lane apartments to P. Conrad. Any noise concerns must be voiced to the city. They should track communication with the city and the alder as well.

Communications:

- Printing new Walnut Grove directories in September or October 2019.

ACC:

- Met with committee on June 21st and approved a paver patio expansion and small bolder wall at 10 Springwood Circle.
- Discussed fence policies.
- 13 Oxwood Circle- accepted offer, closing July 1st, fence is falling down.
- Derek made unofficial ACC Flowchart for Enforcement of Covenants to determine fences (attached).
 - o D. Hyant motioned to make the flow chart an official document. L. Fenster seconds the motion. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- Snow fence is okay.
- Covenants only says need approval for fences over 3 feet. It does not specify if need approval for fences until 3 feet. Consider clarifying in the covenants.

Greenways Committee:

- Agenda from Greenways Committee Meeting on July 9, 2019 distributed.
- Post notice on website that will be repairs done on pathways and most of greenways except parts of D, but there may be some damage done due to the weather.

- Hired company to do edging in preparation for the sealing starting on July 15th. Edging will be 1-3 feet on each side of the path. If residents planted plants they don't want to use, they should be removed.
- Ash Trees being inoculated- about 8-10 total in Walnut Grove. Very expensive. Idea suggested to take them down vs have the yearly expense.
- Idea to fold all Walnut Grove circles into the greenways.
- Designing a management plan in the future for the greenways. Come up with a plan that identifies the needs of maintaining the greenways going forward - what do we need to do to maintain and enhance the greenways, how to raise the costs. Right now dues are not enough to maintain the greenways in the future.
 - o Pathway replacement- about \$75,000. Idea to do a 10 year plan.
- *Regarding pesticides:* The Board does not apply pesticides to the greenways. Need to register with Department of Agriculture and then the contractor will contact registered residents about when will be using pesticides. No notification for fertilizer, only pesticide.
- *Grants-*
 - o Colony Circle asked for a circle grant. Felt like needed more than \$50, but less than \$500. Can apply for grant and turn in receipts. Willing to donate labor.
 - D. Phillips motions to move approve grant for a max of \$500. L. Fenster seconds motion. Unanimously approved by all board members present.

K. Bidwell close the meeting at 8:00pm.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30pm at Stark Company Realtors.