



Timber Hill Estates

Homeowners Association • Kansas City, Missouri

President – Brigitte Doleshal • Vice President – Bret Voitenko

Secretary/Treasurer – Amber Yarnevich • Members At Large – Kristi Powell & Mark Cooper

THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2012

Timber Hill Estates (THE) Homeowners Association (HOA) Board met at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery on January 25, 2012, at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Mark Cooper, Bret Voitenko, and Amber Yarnevich. The following topics were discussed and/or voted upon by the board members:

BOY SCOUT CEMETERY PROJECT – CLEANUP. Bret and his crew finished loading the final bags of leaf debris into the dumpster from the Boy Scout project cleanup today. Mark is going to haul away the remaining sticks and limbs that would not fit in the dumpster in his truck this coming weekend.

BOY SCOUT CEMETERY PROJECT – PLAQUES & PILLARS. Mark reported that the boy scout's mom, Leslie, had phoned him and reported that the cost for two smaller bronze plaques to be installed on the concrete pillars at the entrance to the subdivision was going to cost \$210 each or \$420 total instead of the \$300 for one larger bronze plaque that was originally discussed and agreed to at the General HOA meeting in December 2011. Mark reported that the two signs would fit better on the concrete pillars instead of overhanging the pillars like the one sign would do. If two signs were approved, the left plaque would read "Mount Pleasant Cemetery 1840-1930", and the right plaque would read "Eagle Scout Project by Nick Wright Boy Scout Troop #283 with help from Boy Scout Troop #601 and New Santa Fe Historical Society". Brigitte agreed by email on 01/24/2012, and Bret, Mark, and Amber agreed at the meeting to approve donating the cost of \$420 for the two plaques to be placed on each concrete pillar.

BOY SCOUT PROJECT – GROUND PENETRATING RADAR. Mark reported that that the boy scout's mom, Leslie, informed him that the company who has offered to conduct the Ground Penetrating Radar for the Boy Scout project had come out to the cemetery for a pre-job inspection, and determined that the site was bigger and would be more expensive than previously estimated. The company had agreed to donate a couple hours of their time, and a donor Mr. Byron Shutz had agreed to pay for the remaining \$700 originally estimated. After the pre-job inspection, the company conducting the ground penetrating radar has increased the estimated amount required for the job to \$1,300. Leslie, the Boy Scout's mother, was trying to contact the donor Mr. Shutz to see if he was willing to donate the money for the increased amount. Mark guessed that if Mr. Shutz did not pay the difference that the ground penetrating radar would be cancelled. Mark did not think that the homeowners would all agree to cover the difference, and Amber agreed the HOA should not pay for any additional expenses for this Boy Scout project.

Amber suggested that instead of just eliminating the Ground Radar Penetrating all together that the group organizing the project choose a section of the cemetery with the likely most unmarked gravesites and conduct the search in that area. They could leave other designated sections for a possible search at a later date by another group. Mark, Bret, and Amber felt that due to the extensive prep work that is required prior to conducting ground penetrating radar that they would hate to see all the effort and work that went into cleaning up the cemetery go to waste by not doing any search or locating of gravesites. Mark agreed to relay to Leslie, the Boy Scout's mother, the idea of choosing a section of the cemetery to conduct the ground penetrating radar if the donor was unable to donate the additional \$600 in fees estimated by the company for the entire cemetery.

Mark, Bret, and Amber walked throughout the cemetery. Amber stated that the large number of areas that appeared to be unmarked gravesites surprised her; these possible unmarked gravesites were easily visible by the shape and size of a sunken area on the ground and were located throughout the entire cemetery. Mark and Amber discussed sending an email out to the HOA with the date the ground penetrating radar was to be completed so that interested homeowners could come and see it being done. Also, discussed was encouraging HOA members to walk through the cemetery in the next couple months to visually see the condition of the cemetery since it was much easier to see the number of possible gravesites and condition of the ground with all the leaf debris gone.

CEMETERY – FUTURE HOA INVOLVEMENT & IDEAS. Mark expressed that the cleanup of the cemetery looked so good that he would like to see the HOA get the cemetery ground leveled out, spread grass seed, so the HOA could be able to mow and mulch up the leaves once a year. Amber expressed concern that grass will not grow in the shade of the trees, and that there may likely be disagreement from other HOA members for that level of maintenance of the cemetery that is not owned by the HOA. Amber also expressed concern that the level of cleanup like what has been done this year will cause erosion problems for homeowners on the down slope of the cemetery like her, and at least three other homeowners who's property is actually touching the cemetery. Amber's property and three other properties get the water runoff from almost the entire cemetery; leaving the leaf debris on the ground in the cemetery helps reduce the erosion and improve infiltration of rainfall.

Amber suggested that we put together a survey to get the feed back from the HOA members, and potentially put this type of project up for a vote before proceeding with any type of project. Mark, Bret, and Amber agreed that the Board would put together a survey to get a better idea of the level of involvement that members want to see for the HOA in cemetery projects and maintenance.

Amber stated that she did not want to see long-term maintenance and cleanup of the cemetery paid for by the HOA. However, she was personally interested in whether there were any groups that would be interest in putting up some form of permanent headstone or markers of any gravesites that are located with the ground penetrating radar. Amber stated that she especially did not want see groups in the future, nor the HOA, having to repeat the efforts that have already

been completed to locate gravesites. Mark stated that the New Santa Fe Historical Society wanted to get involved in restoring this cemetery like the one just off of Santa Fe Trail just east of State Line Road. However, the New Santa Fe Historical Society did not have any money.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Final approval of these Meeting Minutes were approved by the following Board Members on March 5, 2012:

Brigitte Doleshal
Bret Voitenko
Amber Yarnevich
Mark Cooper
Kristi Powell