

Verona Hills Homes Association

Minutes for February 21, 2012 Board Meeting...Larry Otto (Host)

Attendance: Joe Davidson, Larry Engel, Tom Kenagy, Ed McHardie, Larry Otto, Susan Richart, Richard Scarritt, Shirley Weglarz

- The minutes from the January 17, 2012 meeting were approved
- Larry Engel presented the January financial reports and collection summary. New liens have been filed on 11827 Washington and 301 W 115th Street. We should have a budget margin of between \$20,000 and \$25,000 to spend on needed capital improvements. In addition we have \$5000 earmarked to replenish our reserves.
- Grounds: Ed McHardie reported that Arbor Masters had reduced their bid to \$21750 by using treated mulch and eliminating the charge for weed pulling. The Board voted to accept Arbor Masters bid for annual maintenance over Ryan's \$26,985 bid.
We also discussed a \$950 bill from Arbor Masters for mowing the cemetery last year. We paid that bill either inadvertently, or through a misunderstanding. We had also made a \$600 contribution to the cemetery at Christ Presbyterian church under our budgeted contributions. Richard Scarritt made a motion to not ask for a reimbursement and to not make further contributions to the cemetery. The motion was approved. The board also reaffirmed its policy that all bills be submitted to the treasurer, who may then forward them to HAKC for payment.
Ed also reported that we subsidize eight extra mowings of Migliazzo Park. That has cost us \$3424 and \$2171 in 2010 and 2011, respectively. Ed expects the 2012 bill this spring will be close to \$2200. We had budgeted \$3500.
We also had two bids to change our monument lighting to low voltage LED lights, \$3183 from NiteLites and \$3778 from Arbor Master. The board voted to accept NiteLites' bid with the suggestion to change from a timer to a dusk-to-dawn sensor, assuming the cost is comparable.
Ed also reported discussions he has had with Peter Gross and others at the city concerning maintenance of trees. The city has agreed to take down dead trees along State Line, and in the parkways. We will also investigate the possibility that there are city sponsored programs to plant new trees, the Kessler Society of Kansas City being one possibility. Ed and Richard will investigate who arranged for the major trimming of parkway trees by Cartwright in the last two years.
- Public Works: Larry Otto discussed the decision to plow the streets after our 2 inch snow. We also discussed the possibility of repairing additional dangerous sidewalk and curb situations in the neighborhood. Larry will assign us each an area to inspect for areas that may need to be addressed. We will then evaluate the situation and, if required, prioritize the needs.

At that point we will discuss how to proceed. Rather than picking specific locations and paying to have them fixed, we may want to offer to subsidize the cost, up to a limit, for residents who want to participate.

- Security: It was reported that we had further vandalism (graffiti) in the park. It has been cleaned up. Richard will talk to Brent about what, if anything, we can do to try to prevent further problems.
- Communications: Shirley is planning the next newsletter for early March, and asked for us to submit articles by Feb. 28. She is also reviewing bids from HAKC and others for printing a new directory. We are planning to print 850 directories. HAKC indicated a cost of \$3 to \$4 per directory, plus their time at \$40/hr to update the file. She also has a bid of \$2.05 for spiral and \$1.55 for saddle stitch. She is investigating some other bids. To have HAKC mail the directories it would cost \$1.90 for postage plus \$.50 for handling. The board agreed to find a way to distribute them ourselves rather than using the mail. Shirley will ask for residents to give us updated information for the directory when she publishes the newsletter. Many of our phone numbers are missing or incorrect, and we have few e-mail addresses. Shirley discussed the possibility of the board keeping our own file of resident information rather than relying on HAKC, since they do not include phone numbers for new residents. We need to discuss this further since there may be problems of discontinuity as board members change.
- Events: Joe reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be March 31 at 10:00, and asked for volunteers to help that morning between 7:30 and 11:00. We also need help putting the candy and prizes in the eggs, and in obtaining donations from businesses. We also plan to have a service project in the neighborhood sometime this summer or fall.
- The next meeting will be March 20.