

Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 VHHA Meeting Note

Present: Steve Emke, Ben Lizak, Ed McHardie, Joe Lewellen, Bill Munninghoff, Steve Stoecker, Cathy Stoetzer and Ross Nigro

Absent: Doris Holderness (excused)

President's Report: Ed introduced the new proposed Public Works Director Ben Lizak. Ben is employed at Sprint and is an attorney by training. He bids and negotiates contracts on their behalf. Ed motioned that we the Board unanimously vote to accept him into the position. Ross Nigro seconded and all were in favor. Each individual member of the Board then introduced themselves. The new Public Works Director moved into Verona Hills in September 2013 and lives approximately on the corner of 119th Ter. and Washington.

Ed motioned for an approval of the April minutes, Ross Nigro seconded and it was passed unanimously.

There was discussion on the status of the EAB treatments. Eric Stewart with True Green informed Bill Munninghoff that the trees need to be completely leafed out. The process should begin very soon most likely next week and they will be out on the city contract. Ed walked Stateline and counted the dead/distressed trees (8) and asked that Dan Hacker with American Lawn and Landscape be contacted regarding the warranty. The argument should be that the trees were of poor stock. At Minor and Stateline on the island there are two bushes that are dead that need to be replaced. Bill Munninghoff said that in his opinion in lieu of asking Arbor Masters to reapply the grass seed on the islands (in his opinion it's a losing battle example Avila Circle) that there should be an alternative plan of mulch with a neat clean look possible roses and native grass applied. The solar light on Stateline is out again. There was some open dialogue regarding the ugly covered fig trees on the Leonard Mirabile property. Ed asked if there was any official letterhead in Microsoft Word format. Cathy said there was and that she would forward that to Ed and cc: Joe Lewellen.

The painting of community mailboxes was conversed and that there was a 2011 expense of approx. \$6000 and an additional \$2400 of repairs in 2012. The Manager of the Martin City Post Office has initiated a work order to paint/repair at no cost to VH. Ed asked Ben Lizak to follow up.

The news of the Hy-Vee closure June 1 was deliberated by the Board. It was agreed that a stance of neutrality was best in lieu of the facts they indicated a debate of government approval of funding private enterprise. The point that VH residents are disappointed by the news was in order and losing it as a neighborhood asset should be expressed. It was suggested that we contact the Boards of other Leawood Kansas subdivisions in the immediate area. Investigate their stance and possibly we could piggyback onto their efforts by officially expressing support. Steve Emke motioned that we contact them Ben Lizak seconded all in favor. Ed will be the point of contact

A PIAC letter was received from the City of Kansas City Missouri and \$246,491 will be allocated for the exercise and walking trail along with \$386,100 for the playground equipment and additional seating. The entire project fully funded for a total of \$632,591. Ed asked Doris to head a committee regarding the expenditure of the PIAC money and asked Board members that are interested in being on that committee to contact Doris. Jennifer Dameron has already volunteered to steer the playground project and Cindy Sullivan the exercise trail project. The Committee will meet with the City and investigate the

possibilities of picnic tables, additional benches. The City Engineering Department will have their plans finalized by the end of the year.

It's understood all Google Fiber complaints reported to Association have been rectified along the right-of-ways.

Steve Stoecker reported that Elizabeth Liston on Santa Fe Trail has paid ½ of her money owed in delinquent dues and that she has a court date of May 21 and we will give her a continuance. She will be paying the remaining of the balance by the end of the month.

Ed distributed a document (attached) regarding the amount of time each of the officers has remaining in their term and asked for future considerations of who might carry on for another term or proposed replacements. Doris, Ross and Bill's terms will conclude this year. Doris' position will need to be filled and Ross and Bill, having completed the last year of a previous Board members term both agreed to stay on and serve the next three years of their own term. Ed would also like the Board to consider someone volunteering to be the Vice President. Ed will have served five years on the Board at the end of this present term as President (2015). The Board members have a year and three months to make a decision on a new President.

The new proposed budget will be assembled by the Executive Committee and voted on by the entire Board at the June meeting).

Ed asked Cathy and Joe for their recommendations by the next meeting regarding the new Directory scheduled for distribution in the Spring of 2015. The issue is regarding an electronic version along with a printed version or strictly a printed version until the next revision in two years.

Ed called Fox and received the information regarding all the past Presidents of the Association which includes 26. Twelve of those are still living in Verona Hills and will be recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Tina Gaughan (Real Estate agent) reported to Ed that 30 to 35 new residents move in a year, on average, to Verona Hills in preparing for the budget to be spent on welcoming baskets.

Director Reports:

Treasurer: Steve Stoecker plugged in capital improvements and will include Ben Lizak's line item budget. The three members of the Executive Committee Steve S., Joe, and Ed will get together by the next meeting to review the budget and expectantly will have approved. Steve is optimistic that half of the home owners' dues that are delinquent will have been paid and the other half will be finalized with judgments (liens on the home owner). There was some additional discussion at the end of the meeting regarding a budget for legal compliance.

Security: Parsons limited report was distributed (attached). A conversation at length about the vague nature of what the Association receives for money spent occurred. The possibility of hiring Titan ensued in which it was discussed that \$1000 a month along with \$185 would cover patrols along with 10 separate random incidents call ins. Ed asked that we make further investigation of contracting with Titan.

Steve Emke reported his findings on his research with the various City entities regarding Neighbor Watch Groups. City signs could be put up for free and those would be used as a deterrent. There are

various points of contact at the city that will come and speak to the homeowners regarding a watch group program.

Common Areas: Ben Lizak will get his budget together going forward and will investigate the mailboxes that might possibly be repaired by the Post Office. Ben's email is ben.lizak@gmail.com and his cell phone number is 816-519-0658.

Secretary: Joe Lewellen discussed the high amount of door-to-door solicitations that are taking place in the neighborhood (roofing and a particular pesky alarm company) and that he had received multiple emails to Verona Hills in complaint. A talk about yard signs and their legality was also discussed.

Communications: In regard to the website Cathy is awaiting more content. She will be getting together with Joe Lewellen to review the website and its functionality.

Common Areas: The grass at Migliazzo Park has been cut at least once if not twice. As reported earlier the EAB treatments will be happening soon. Bill's budget has been submitted. He spoke of S&S concrete and their highly regarded work in various other neighborhoods.

Ed motioned to adjourn 9:30PM, Steve Emke seconded and approved unanimously.