

MINUTES

Walnut Grove Homes Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 22, 2014, 7:00pm, Lussier Center, Madison WI

Present: Eric Lewandowski, Kathy McComb, Mary Kay Battaglia, Denise Clearwood, Tom Wall, Mark Schmitt, Kathy Raab, Gabe Anibas, Eileen Goode

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm and quorum was established.

Motion to approve the September 10, 2014 minutes (with corrected spelling of Mark Schmitt's name) was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

President's Report:

- Eric represented WGHA at the 9/13/14 Mayor's Neighborhood Conference and learned of several programs that may be of interest to WGHA. It was a good opportunity to network with city staff. Eric encouraged attendance at the bi-annual conference to continue fostering good relationships.
- Eric learned of possible grant money to help with Emerald Ash Borer issues and agreed to write a proposal, even though the deadline has passed for current year submission. The proposal could still go through or possibly be used in future years.
- Eric asked for board support at the 10/29/14 Area Safety Committee meeting with Aids. Skidmore and Clear. Eric will attend.
- Eric regretfully acknowledged the service of Mary Kay Battaglia and Tom Wall and noted they will not be running for reelection at the end of the current term. Potential directors – Mark Weber, or Mr. Koloff (CPA) for treasurer, Jen Braco as a communications director. Eric asked for everyone's input on other potential appointees.

Treasurer's Report: Passed out to directors.

Greenways: Eric and Gabe shared an update on activities to mitigate the EAB and informed the board about a potentially greater threat (according to City Parks employee) of the Asian Long Horned Beetle. Board discussed the city proposal to deal with street trees and how it could potentially affect the neighborhood. Eric may try for grant money to help homeowners assess the threat on their private property. One possible act of vandalism (greenway light broken) was reported on 10/4/14. New maples have been planted and are doing well. Gabe requested, and board unanimously approved, spending \$2200 (within budget) for pruning oaks.

ACC: Denise has asked for help in creating a survey for homeowners to begin the covenants review.

Block Captains: No report

Communications: Mary Kay will prepare one final newsletter before her term expires.

Social: Interested in a hosting a social for newer families (within 5 years) to increase awareness of opportunities within WGHA, including volunteer opportunities. Board selected 11/16 as a possible date; location and time to be confirmed.

OLD BUSINESS;

Emerald Ash Borer: See above

Gammon Road Resurfacing and Traffic Related Issues: Board shared thoughts on completion of project. Will wait to hear more on future work.

Walnut Grove Park Dog Park Opening: Opened; no problems reported.

Bylaws, Policies & Procedures Review Process: Kathy Raab will prepare a review of the current bylaws for the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comprehensive Communications: Board continued discussions on need for comprehensive communications. This is an association-wide need, not the responsibility of one committee. Several homeowners may be willing to contribute to tasks (social media, database, newsletter, list serve, directory, etc.). Discussion to be continued at future meetings.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, December 7, 2014 at Eric and Gina's house; time TBD

Adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:30pm

Submitted by Kathy Raab, Secretary