

Meeting Minutes

Jonathan Association Board of Directors – 7/14/15

Attendance: Judith Bostrom, Kristen Hempel, Justin Scharpen, Stephen Wolff, Mark Perry, John Hace, Jon Heers, John Siegfried Absent: Denise Hedtke

Gassen: Carrie Maass, Carla Gruenhagen

Open Forum: Alison Powers – Mill Pond board member – would like the pond in Mill Pond to be treated as it has in the past years.

Call to Order:

Designate the Quorum: Quorum designated.

Agenda: John S. added Lake Grace Pavilion to New Business – **Motion to approve as amended Siegfried/Perry. Passed 8-0.**

Adopt June Minutes: New Business, section B. Change to “management obtain 3 bids” **Motion to amend June minutes Hempel/Hace. Passed 8-0; Motion to adopt as amended. Perry/Siegfried. Passed 8-0.**

Unfinished Business:

- A. Silo – Judith suggested we get designs from local artist that may cost around \$1500 for design, \$150 deposit and 2 months for the designs to be completed. Then we could run the ideas on the newsletter and could have residents input. Kristin asked if we would own the rights and if the artist would oversee the project. Heritage Comm. involvement was mentioned. **John S. motion to set aside \$1,150 for the process. Motion failed.**

- B. Eitel House – Mark showed a map of suggestions on how to parcel the property. He would like to parcel off around 0.2 with the tot lot and give the other 0.6 to the city by eminent domain. Surveying will cost about \$1,500. Preliminary Plat would cost around \$1,600 and final plat around \$850-\$900. Mark suggested that The Jonathan Association could set the value of the property. Without the tot lot, maybe \$65,000 for the land, considering that the Eitel House has little value due to the work needed. Carrie was asked to get appraisal bids. Judith **motion for \$6,000 for appraisal. Judith/Scharpen. Passed 6-2**

General Reports:

Management Report:

- A. Insurance Renewal – **Motion Siegfried/Hempel – Passed 8-0**

- B. Radon testing to be completed [Wed](#) 7/15. Stephen suggested for lowest amount of visibility on building.

- C. Food Drive – Judith suggested having a food drive and donating to Bountiful Baskets. Residents could drop off at Karen House. Advertise in Herald or Fall Newsletter. Kristin asked if we could donate pet food.

- D. Trash Can Policy – Discussion of a common area dumpster for Clover Fields area. Board decided that they have no power to govern. Kristin mentioned that the ARC Guidelines are merely guidelines and not rules.
- E. Lake Grace Pavilion – **John S. proposed setting aside \$2,500 for an architect to fix up the pavilion. Vote was 4-4 Opposed were Bostrom, Hempel, Wolff, Heers. Judith moved we get 3 bids from local construction companies to save/rebuild the pavilion, instead, with John S. heading the project. Passed 7-1.**
- F. Apple Awards will be presented during the Annual Mtg.
- G. Tree Protectors – Proceed installing on all trees less than 4-5” in diameter
- H. Debit Account – raise monthly amount to \$10,000 with a daily allowance of \$1,500 – **Motion Wolff/Hempel. Passed 8-0**
- I. Laminated Maps - \$320 invoice should be given to Asphalt Assoc. and they are theirs to keep for future reference.

Calendar of Events:

National Night Out – Add something to the website. Carrie is to contact Julie Janke to set-up process. Contact Police Dept. to visit host neighborhoods in place of the fire trucks, which are not available this year.

President’s Report:

Fourth of July celebration was “an absolute fantastic success”. There were volunteers. It was well organized and was covered by the Chaska Herald. Stephen thanks leadership of Justin Scharpen, Kelli Snapp, Carrie Maass, Marsh Halberg, and Bruce Koprucki.

Executive Committee approved an additional application of fertilizer by 3-2 vote.

Activities Report:

Thanks Stephen and the management for the success of the Fourth of July celebration. He especially thanked Kelli and Dan Snapp, John Hace, Bruce Koprucki, Marsh Halberg, Vern and Ben. Justin was unable to attend. He looks forward to next year.

Neighborhood Representatives Committee Report:

Meeting scheduled for 7/21/15, 7pm. It has been a struggle to schedule meetings due to conflicting schedules. There are 4 people planning to attend.

Architectural Review Committee Report:

The committee is running smoothly and is busy. There have been about a dozen approvals and the email responses are working well. Justin added that he is pleased with the process. Judith complimented Carrie’s attention to details.

Heritage Committee Report: no questions

Building and Grounds Committee Report:

John Siegfried presented. The overlay project is complete. The overall improvement has been measured. Roger and Vern measured completed square feet. Vern has been very proactive with the entire project. Stephen complimented the condition of the trails and forwarded compliments from other members.

There was significant cost savings due to Vern and crew cleaning up brush from cutting and trimming.

Mark noted that the area west of silo is being left to go “native”. Judith agreed that it’s a good idea.

John Hace asked about lawn maintenance of vacant lots, specifically in Neighborhood 8. Carla said that the city can enforce mowing and bill the owner(s).

Treasurers Report:

Cash operating fund is at \$444,000+, reserve/replacement fund is \$499,000. The whole year’s allotment is in there. Budget: actual income is about \$14,000 below budget (reversal of penalties/fines, dissolution of policy); expenses are about \$31,000 below budget.

Mark spoke with accountant about discrepancies in budget comparison and they adjusted the look of it.

Collections: 43 in payment plans. The system is working very well.

John Siegfried recommended moving some money from reserve savings and KleinBank checking to CDs to try to capture some interest income. Stephen noted that the CDs gain interest at maturity. John encouraged that the treasurer investigate some interest bearing options. Carla reminded that reserve funds cannot be moved back into operating expenses. Mark will look into it.

Motion to adjourn: Hempel/Perry. Passed 8-0.