

# Hershey Grove Homeowners Association

Meeting Date/Location: July 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Prairie Vista Golf Course Meeting Room 504 W Hamilton Rd, Bloomington IL

**HOA MEETING – Meeting led by Sid Kendrick** 

#### Welcome/Introductions

Sid invited all homeowners and board members to introduce themselves and to provide their addresses.

#### **Minutes**

The meeting minutes for the January 19, 2015 meeting were available on the HG HOA website prior to meeting for all homeowners to read or were mailed USPS if no email.

Dustin Fornoff made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Pauline Gourley seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion approved.

# Reports

# **Financial Report**

Treasurer, Pauline Gourley, provided current status of HOA bank account – income and expenses. A copy of the details will be sent via email or USPS to all homeowners after the meeting.

Dustin Fornoff made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Vicky Strauss seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved.

## **Occupancy Report**

- Hershey Grove subdivision has a total of 121 lots. 101 of these lots are developed and 20 are undeveloped.
- 27 of the 101 lots remain under Snyder ownership. We receive annual dues for these lots.
- We have 75 homes in the sub-division, four of which are for sale.

Dustin Fornoff made a motion to approve the Occupancy report. Vicky Strauss seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion approved.

# **Garage Sale Recap**

- 12 houses participated in this year's neighborhood garage sale.
- Thanks to Jerry Schelfaut for creating the garage sale signs and to Dustin for placement of the signs

## **Old Business**

## **Trees/Plants along detention basin - Hershey**

- Sid indicated that F & W Landscaping came to look at some of the plants along Hershey that are not doing well.
- Pauline & Sid fertilized these last fall. John Reed put some roundup down this year for the weeds.
- We have asked F & W to replace these plants.



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# **Detention Basin - Weed treatment**

- We contracted with Marine Biochemists to treat the cattails and bulrushes around the detention basin. They treated these during a time when it was raining a lot and the water may have washed away the treatment.
- Sid has a call into Marine Bio requesting that they come back for a second treatment.
- Sid will also request information about the cost to treat the other submerged plants that are growing in the basin. Jerry Schelfaut asked to know what the estimate for this treatment is.

#### **Fence**

- Our fence along Hershey is doing okay at the moment
- Joyce Cryer indicated that she had some top caps from the old fence stored in her yard should we
  ever need them.
- Lewis Garrison indicated that K & K on Oakland makes brackets should we need custom brackets in the future.

#### **New Business**

# **Stop Signs/Sidewalk**

- The city has notified us that they will be placing 2 stop signs in the subdivision. One on Neaves at Keybridge and one on Eide at Keybridge.
- The city no longer has money for the 50/50 program for sidewalk replacement.

## **HOA Dues**

Dues notices will be sent out this week from our Attorney

#### Replacement Trees on the Berm

- We had 12 ash trees removed from the berm last year due to disease.
- We are beginning to plan for replacement of 9-12 trees. These may be a combination of ornamental, green spruce and hardwood trees.
- The earliest we would replace the trees would be this fall. We will request estimates from F & W Landscaping, Grieder Landscaping and Kickapoo Creek Nursery.

## **Meet your neighbors**

- The consensus was that we should again host a Meet your Neighbor event this year in September.
- Stanley Kupish offered their backyard as the sight for this year's event.
- The board will set a date in September for the event.

# **Park Discussion**

- Dustin Fornoff provided a recap of the informational meeting held by the city on June 18, 2015 regarding the proposed park in our subdivision.
- The park plan is a proposal not a done deal. Our homeowners will have the final vote on this proposal.
- The park proposal is the result of a land grant that Snyder Corporation is responsible for when they put in a subdivision. There is a specific allotment of land that must be allowed for green space. The city decided that the allotment that was originally offered by Snyder, on the other side of the tracks, was not suitable for this purpose.



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- The city indicated that they would abide by covenants of the subdivision, which indicate that the lots are to be for single-family residences. A 75% approval would be needed to amend our covenants.
- We have asked the city to contact the Hershey Grove Board with any future information regarding the park proposal.
- The Hershey Grove Homeowners have been offered a meeting with Alderwoman, Diana Hauman. It
  was decided that the board would arrange a Saturday morning meeting with the Alderwoman.
  Pauline will arrange the meeting.

## Other meeting places

It was suggested that we might want to look for a free meeting space for future meetings. The following locations were suggested:

- o The Community Room at the Firehouse on Hamilton
- o Bloomington Public Library Meeting Room
- The YWCA also has a room but there may be a charge for this space.

#### **Empty Lot on Myra**

- It was brought up that the empty lot owned by Snyder on Myra has some safety concerns.
- Dustin indicated that some work has been done in that lot after the meeting on June 18, 2015.
  - A large tree/weed was removed.
  - o Some work was also done on the bottom of the drainage enclosure.

### **Elections – 2 Board Positions**

- Bud Jorgenson was nominated for a position on the board. There were no other nominations. Dustin Fornoff seconded the motion. Vote was taken. Bud was elected.
- Vicky Strauss was nominated for another term on the board. There were no other nominations. The nomination was seconded. Vote was taken. Vicky was re-elected.

# **Next Meeting**

Our next Hershey Grove HOA meeting will be held on January 18, 2016.

#### Adjournment

Bud Jorgenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm. Lewis Garrison seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion approved.