

SGHOA Board Meeting Minutes
May 24,2016

1. Tim Callahan called the quarterly meeting of the SGHOA board to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 24, 2016, at the home of Greg and Donna Lobdell.

2. Attendees: Tim Callahan, Donna Lobdell, Bev Malooley, Cathy Larson, Don Westerhaus, James Eiermann, Tonya Newlin, Evelyn Griffith, Carol Wise, Chad Wise, Vickie Provine.

3. Vickie Provine, with the City of Bloomington, was introduced to talk about the Neighborhood Watch program. She:

- Explained the limits of the Neighborhood Watch program, and how being registered with City of Bloomington gets us on a contact list for issues that come up that might affect our Association, including such things as proposed improvements by neighbors that might impact us.
- Said we can invite visitors from various city departments to speak on topics of interest to us.
- Is contact for us with the city.
- Said her department helps write applications for grants and other funding programs for neighborhoods. SGHOA has submitted a grant application for hanging of signs.
- Explained that the City Council is working on a new sign ordinance required by new federal requirements that affects signage, and that is holding up implementation of our Neighborhood Watch sign posting.
- Don Westerhaus mentioned an email received in early May from the City of Bloomington Transportation Dept. In summary, they are waiting on the City Council to complete work on a new sign ordinance to comply with new federal regulations on signage in public right of ways. We must wait on that for completion before we can have signs installed within SGHOA.
- Talked about the Citizens Academy – a free way to learn about workings of city government. The program is open to the first 30 people who sign up before the application deadline of July 11. Applicants must commit to 6 of 9 weekly sessions in Sept./Oct. Anyone missing the deadline will be on the list for 2017.
- Had us sign up to receive a regular “events” email newsletter to learn about things going on that might interest us.
- Left a map for us to outline boundaries of SGHOA neighborhood, and return to Vickie Provine.
- Determined that James Eiermann would be our contact person with the city.
- Talked about KONA – Council of Neighborhood Associations – a group that meets monthly to work with groups needing help in dealing with the city.
- In discussing streetlights, she pointed us to Christina Smith, Bloomington Public Works, as the person to help us with lights, and said that contiguous property owners must approve in writing before a light can be put up.

4. The Board approved minutes from Feb. 2016 Board meeting previously distributed by email. There were no changes – all board members voted to approve. They will now be sent to all residents.

5. The Board discussed and approved the following budget reports:

- February summary – approved unanimously.
- March summary – approved unanimously.
- April summary – approved unanimously. Carol Wise asked about whether an interest bearing account had been established to hold excess cash. Jamar to implement.

6. Drainage Issue

- Bill Mankins contacted Tim Callahan regarding a report from Bill's brother, a retired Army Corp of Engineers Hydrologist, who has studied the drainage problems on the east side of the Association.
- He has studied Bloomington City Code Section 10.21 covering Storm Water management, and feels the way the water handling system was constructed violates city code.
- City Code information is available on the Bloomington City Government website, under a link to Municipal Code.
- He suggested that the Association take on the issue, by first compiling a complete dossier on the situation. Tim Callahan volunteered to go through municipal code and look up details.
- The Board discussed the plan for correction of the drainage problem prepared by Civil Engineer Kevin Potter.
- Don Westerhaus suggested seeking an alternate plan or plans with estimated costs, to help quantify the cost of correcting the problem.
- Jamar was authorized to spend up to \$200 to acquire a competing bid.
- Carol Wise provided new photos of destruction to the concrete pathway. Water is washing out under the pavement. They have continued to put rock along the pathway in their yard.
- Carol will provide her electronic photo files to Tim Callahan to put with dossier.
- Evelyn expressed continued concerns about her hollow tree.
- Changes to the "Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions and the Amended Code of Bylaws of SGHOA were discussed. Don Westerhaus agreed to carefully study those documents and prepare a rough draft of amendments to share initially with the Board members and the Association attorney.

6. Insurance

- The Board briefly discussed acceptance of the revised property insurance plan that was previously agreed upon by email vote of the Board.
- Board voted again and seconded to approve new insurance policy.

- In review, Jamar worked with an insurance broker, getting quotes from three companies, and determined that, on the basis of cost, coverage features and service, we should continue with Travelers Insurance.
- Travelers' underwriting is requiring an increase in cost per square foot with this renewal, because our insurance costs have not increased since Sunflower Gardens was built, and when dwellings were new and some not complete. Other companies bidding on the business were similar.
- On a per living unit basis, rates will increase from \$242.74 in 2015-16 to \$280.05 in 2016-17, a difference of \$37.31 per unit -- \$3.11 per month.

7. Neighborhood Watch

- Don reported on emails to police and neighborhood watch staff generated from messages from SGHOA residents.
- Property in question is being foreclosed upon, with an expected completion sometime in Fall 2016.
- Most recent activity seems to be removing anything of value from the property.

8. Power Washing of home exteriors

- Greg Lobdell researched and chose a provider and organized inclusion of interested homeowners.
- 12 homes have signed on for May 25 power washing at \$100 per home.

9. Neighborhood Welcome Committee

- On hold with new residents who have not yet moved in.
- Carol Wise reported that the family name is Graff who bought Clint Fish' home, but they will only use when they come to visit kids at IU.

10. Shutters

- Don Westerhaus reported on shutter replacement/painting project he started, and will continue the project to catalog the details about all residences.
- The broken Westerhaus shutter has been repaired.
- We need to develop a list of paint color matches for doors and sidelights.
- Tim will check with Sherwin Williams on matching color records.

11. Mowing

- James Eiermann reported there have been recent complaints about mowing quality, including damage to flowers by string trimmers and blowing grass clipping toward the houses.
- Wet weather has contributed to problems.
- Greenscapers has changed its regular mowing day to Wednesday.

12. Host SGHOA Website

- Greg Lobdell will help Tim Callahan.

- They will set up website on GoDaddy.
- Charge is \$3.99/mo for first years, changing to \$7.99/mo in year two.
- The Board voted to authorize Jamar to contract with GoDaddy.com and put in budget, putting the account in the name of SGHOA.
- Tim will send info to Jamar to set up.

13. Neighborhood Party is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016.

14. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, at the home of Cathy Larson. The fall back date is Tuesday, Aug. 16.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.