

Greenway Fields Homes Association  
**Approved** Minutes of the Board of Directors  
June 16, 2014

**Attendance**

The meeting was called to order by Neil O'Connor at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Scott Kaiser, 6418 Jefferson.

Board Members:

Present - Neil O'Connor, Beth Noble, Nola Devitt, Sarah McCracken, Scott Kaiser, Bob Deeg, Cady Seabaugh, Vern Stilwell, Jeanette LePique

Committed Volunteer:

David Slawson present via phone link.

**I. Agenda**

Agenda for June 16, 2014 meeting submitted by Neil O'Connor and unanimously approved, with addition of **III - H** (Board response to general e-mail questions to GFHA).

**II. Old Business**

Approve Minutes from May 2014 -

Copies of May Minutes were distributed by Nola for review. Beth requested preliminary Minutes be amended regarding payment arrangements for installed swing in Strawn Park. Beth also read, and asked to include in 6/16/14 meeting minutes, a letter from her. May Minutes were unanimously approved by present Board members with noted changes.

**III. New Business**

A. Vote to remove Beth Noble as Board Member

A Motion to vote for removal of Beth as a Board Member was initiated by Nola based upon Beth's actions taken without Board approval, such as incurring non-Board approved expenditures, as noted in previous meeting minutes. After lengthy discussion by all Board members, a vote was taken to remove Beth.

Voting was as follows:

NO: Neil, Cady, Vern, Sarah

YES: Nola, Jeanette, Scott, Bob

ABSTAIN: Beth

Because a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority was not reached, Beth will remain a Board member. All Board members agreed that expenditures need to be approved by the Board, and if not approved, then the person responsible for accruing the expense will be personally liable. Cady added that Board votes are allowed by email, as stated in By-laws. Neil proposed limiting Beth's role so she no longer may solicit vendors nor approve expenditures. Approval will come from Board after Treasurer reviews financials.

Beth submitted a letter to the Board to be attached to the Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014.

B. Financial Update

Sarah distributed YTD Income Statement/Balance Sheet. May 1st began new Fiscal Year. Sarah reports that GFHA is on target and financially healthy.

Regarding income from newsletter ad sales, the current rate is \$25/issue for 2x2 ad for four issues. If paid at beginning of year, price is \$20/issue. Discussion ensued about possible price increase in 2015, with billing at beginning of year. Sarah will bill current advertisers and Nola will clarify before newsletter

goes to print. Nola will also investigate new solicitations for credibility and respond with rate/contract.

#### C. Security Update

Vern reported that crime statistics are currently sent in PDF file and he has requested they be converted to XLS in order to specify GFHA occurrences. Bob reminded us to call police for any suspicious activity, especially non-residents going door-to-door. We can call 9-1-1 and say it is a “non-emergency” reporting.

#### D. Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Grant Application

Cady reported TRIM grant for \$13,000 was submitted on behalf of Greenway Fields:

- \$9,848 (grant for tree restoration/maintenance)
- \$3,000 (labor from city & volunteers)
- \$ 152 (cash match from Greenway Fields CID)

Grant was submitted by 6/1/14 deadline with award announcement to be in September. She requested Board approval for TRIM Grant submittal. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. If awarded, Board will vote on acceptance in September.

#### E. July Newsletter

Issue will be printed and delivered by end of July. Nola requests submissions by July 15th. Items to be included:

- President’s letter - Neil
- Popsicle Parade on 7/4 - David to take photos
- Security article - Vern
- Upcoming Events... suggestions for August - October
- Exceptional Home?

Discussion of “Exceptional Home” selection criteria was that it will be multi-factorial (architecture, interesting facts of home, exterior aesthetics, landscaping, +/- old photo from Missouri Valley Collection,...). House should photograph well so can be included on GFHA FaceBook page or newsletter.

#### F. Popsicle Parade

Parade will be July 4th @ 10:00, beginning at 635 W. Meyer. Coordinated by David & Jeanette. Nola will ask Brookside Market to donate popsicles (200 last year was not enough).

#### G. Communications / Website

Cady reported that she was testing “Mailchimp” app to manage association mailings. She encouraged Board to go to GFHA website and sign up for email under “Contact Us” and give feedback. Mailchimp allows user to “unsubscribe”. Ideally, urgent information will then be able to directly go to residents, bypassing Block Captains. Bob will ask Block Captains to ask residents to sign up for this list.

#### H. Board response to general questions from GFHA

Tabled until next meeting due to time.

### **IV. Next Meeting & Location**

The Next meeting will be Monday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Bob Deeg’s, 604 W. 61st Terrace.

### **V. Adjournment**

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

