

Greenway Fields Homes Association  
**Approved** Minutes of the Board of Directors  
April 21, 2014

**Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the home of Beth Noble, 426 Greenway Terrace.

Board Members:

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

Absent - Sarah McCracken, Matt Hanson

Committed Volunteers:

Present - Bob Deeg

Absent - David Slawson

**I. Agenda**

Agenda for April 21, 2014 meeting submitted by Neil O'Connor and approved, with the addition of Communications update by Cady Seabaugh and Board contact information update.

**II. Old Business**

A. Approve February Meeting Minutes

February Minutes were approved with the addition of 2017 GFHA Centennial Planning Committee.

B. Financial Update

Neil will meet with Clem, Sarah, and Foxworthy (Homes Association of Kansas City - HAKC) before May meeting to review Financial data. Financial update will be tabled until May meeting.

**III. New Business**

A. Tree Project Acknowledgment

Neil & Beth suggested acknowledging the contributions of 50+ volunteers in the next newsletter. Article will be included in Newsletter (Green Notes), naming volunteers, as well as identifying benefits of Tree Project. Neil & Board thanked Beth for her efforts in the Tree Project. Bob Deeg suggested a "water plan" for newly planted trees, possibly using a mobile water tank. He will look into obtaining a 275-gallon tank (Craig's List).

## B. Board Roles

Scott motioned to nullify previous slate of officers with proposed new slate:

President: Neil O'Connor  
Vice-President: Beth Noble  
Treasurer: Sarah McCracken  
Secretary: Jeanette LePique

The motion was moved, seconded; motion passed.

Neil will meet with Clem, Sarah, Matt Hanson, and Foxworthy regarding financials and roles.

## C. Landscape Update

Beth reported there will be new plantings in May. Invoice for landscaping from "Bee In the Garden" to be paid. Strawn Park issues:

1. Concrete statues stabilization (2) - East statue is leaning and a safety concern. Beth will request bid from Van Liew's for stabilization. Motion was passed for Beth to get quote only.
2. Swing is missing the plaque acknowledging donor, Betty Silver. Beth suggests replacing it.
3. Infant Swing: Previous Board approved \$500 for addition of infant swing in park. Beth reported total cost is \$1,068 (swing \$268 + bar \$800). Swing will be discussed at the May meeting after Neil & Sarah meet with Foxworthy and have current financial data.

Beth recommends having a policy prioritizing requests for replacing 5-8 trees/year from "Tree Fund" in Budget, in an effort to establish and maintain tree infrastructure. She suggests proposed requests in September (through Block Captains?) and plantings in Spring. Beth will write up a proposal and specifics to be discussed at a later date.

## D. Snow Plow Update

Snow removal was within budget with positive response from residents. Sarah will be asked to confirm budget/expenditures.

## E. Annual Picnic

Picnic will be Sunday, 6/8/14 from 5-7p.m. Nola will communicate with David Slawson (Events Coordinator). GFHA provides main dish and residents bring potluck sides/desserts. Jeanette, David, & Vern will coordinate main dish and contact/invite Fire & Police patrols.

## F. April Newsletter

Nola & Christian Schulz to create newsletter. Neil will write President's letter; Cady - "Green" article (Tree project benefits, volunteers); Jeanette - Picnic, neighborhood Garage Sale, Popsicle Parade dates; Scott - Exceptional Home (criteria, next nomination deadline 6/30). New Board members listed.

## Security

Vern inquired about KC Police liaison, Officer Tranor (sp?). Beth suggests analysis of statistics and annual GFHA security budget (\$17,000).

## G. Communications

Cady distributed "Greenway Fields Communications Guidance" (Version 2.0 2013-09), outlining available communication medium (Block Captains, website, newsletter, Facebook) and types of communicated information. (CID communication must stay apolitical).

Bob Deeg will share Block Captain information.

Cady will update website with PDF newsletters, Board contacts, events, etc. as well as update Facebook as needed.

HAKC has sent "Welcome Packets" to addresses with title changes. The goal is to compile a current and thorough GFHA list of email addresses and contact information.

Regarding GFHA email address list, Scott suggested possibly eliminating the Block Captain 'layer' of distribution and forwarding emails directly to residents. Cady will ask Block Captains and HAKC to forward their email list so that can be implemented.

## H. Board Contact Information Update

Contact information obtained from Board members and volunteers.

## **IV. Next Meeting and Location**

Nola Devitt will host May 19, 2014 meeting at 445 W. 61st Terrace.

## **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.