# Stratford Gardens Board Meeting, Monday June 6th, 2016.

The meeting was held at Mallory Robins' residence with the following in attendance: Mallory Robins, Robert Flynn, Mary Martin, Brenda Knox Lubeck, Megan Whitman, Phyllis Wilson, Tom Suther and Steve Abend. The meeting was called to order at 5:21 pm.

Tom made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, Phyllis seconded. Minutes approved.

Steve Abend was welcomed to the Board. Brooke Smith will also be joining the board, but was not able to attend the meeting.

#### **Election of New Officers**

Brenda nominated Phyllis for President, Mary seconded.

Brenda nominated Robert for Treasurer. Mary seconded.

Mary nominated Megan for Secretary. Tom seconded.

Megan nominated Mallory for Vice President. Tom seconded.

## Landscaping/Islands

Suburban Lawn and Garden has now taken over the Island Maintenance.

Next on the list for Island Improvements is the island at 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and Stateline. Bids have been received, but a permit still needs to be obtained prior to work starting.

The board discussed applying for PIAC money (as discussed at the annual meeting by Councilman McManis). The board approved to apply for funds for the 63<sup>rd</sup> island, as well as the 60<sup>th</sup> Terrace Island. August 31<sup>st</sup> is the deadline to apply.

Mary will get bids for the 60<sup>th</sup> Terrace Island. Steve requested that we look into options for the electrical meter so it is better hidden. Megan will contact an electrical engineer to see what is allowed by code.

Brenda will follow up with past board member Raphael to obtain paper work that was submitted to PIAC for previous improvements.

Megan and Mary will fill out the application.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The \$25/per house hold HOA increase was included in the dues invoices that were just sent out.

Steve asked if we could create a foundation for our HOA dues so they would be a tax write off. Brenda will consult a not-for-profit lawyer to see if this is a possibility.

It was discussed if we should do fundraising for the island improvements. Could it possibly be combined with a social event?

#### Other Items

It has been requested that the HOA hold more family friendly social events. Brooke and Mallory volunteered to plan a block party Labor Day weekend. Mary made suggestions based on things done in years past (ice cream truck, fire truck) and also indicated that a permit will need to be obtained.

Phyllis volunteered to take over the contacts database for the HOA.

Mallory volunteered to continue producing the newsletter.

Neighborhood directories will be sent out this year. Tom is looking into if we can sell ads in the directory to help pay for this expense item.

Robert made a motion to adjourn at 6:38pm. Tom seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Signed, Megan Whitman Stratford Gardens HOA Board Secretary 6/12/2016