

TOMAHAWK ROAD HOMES ASSOCIATION MINUTES

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 @ The Beall Home: 6544 High Drive

Present: Ginny Beall (president), Bill Bruning (vice president), Sarah Brown (secretary), Kay Bleakley (treasurer), Bob Stopperan (director), and Louise Allen (Director-Park Board Representative). Not Present: Corey Merriman (director).

The meeting was called to order by Ginny Beall at 5pm.

- The first order of business had occurred via email (a few days prior to meeting) with the committee unanimously approving the addition of Louise Allen serving her first term until 2025.
- The second order of business was to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, noting corrections (name spelling and some legal verbiage). No additional corrections were made. Minutes approved by committee.
- Ginny made formal introductions and welcomed new members to the committee: Louise Allen and Corey Merriman.
- Kay Bleakley gave the treasurer's report. The current cash balance was reviewed. The first invoice had been submitted and paid. It was close to the budgeted \$9,000 approved at the April meeting for the beautification of Eisenhower project. There had been \$1,033.85 in accounts receivable, making the total asset \$72,143.60. There was discussion about collection efforts regarding families that have been delinquent paying HOA dues, down to 8 families overall. Dues are determined by lot size, and 5 families were in excess of \$150.00. The list was distributed and it was decided the best course of action were follow up phone calls. It was discussed how due are collected and whether or not there would be a better month for the mailing, possibly October instead of November. The dues are distributed to the neighborhood when the annual meeting is announced, which can't be determined until the KU BB schedule is announced. Kay then mentioned that insurance had come in over budget and wanted to address this for future expenses. Bob explained that the Tomahawk HOA was not carrying enough liability insurance and had decided to increase the insurance amount because of past neighbor encounters.
- Louise Allen presented the park board review. She stressed the importance of a formal written ask for any project improvement by the Park Board. The Eisenhower Pond was then discussed, noting the west bank shore on Ensley Lane had been granted part of TRHA's \$9,000 for improvements. She then reviewed the history of the pond, citing the city of Mission Hills were deeded the pond itself, in addition to 1 foot above the water line in 1969. It was deeded by Mrs. Louise Eisenhower, widow of Arthur Eisenhower. Arthur was the brother of Dwight Eisenhower, former President of the United States and former supreme commander of the Allied forces in Western Europe during World War 2. The remaining property above the pond is owned by the surrounding homeowners. This improvement of the pond has been a process and the Park Board is working with a pond shore riparian specialist. This years long problem has finally been given some direction as to wedding and cleaning, then the beautification. Plantings such as Rush and Lilies

will be interspersed. Geese (as of late) have not been the problem they used to be. The next concern will be the culvert area. To date, roughly half of the \$9,000 was spent on the west shore and the rest will be dedicated to the culvert and south end. There is a need to verify appropriated funds and exactly what has been spent. There was further discussion about putting together a future plan for another grant from the HOA to dedicate to the project, perhaps next year. Another issue affecting the Pond is the Tomahawk Road improvement. The Park Board has decided to beautify the Pond, if possible, to dovetail with the Tomahawk Road Project. It will be a long and gradual process. There was final discussion of whether or not the other HOA's could/would contribute to the Pond beautification. Eisenhower Pond is more visible than any other attraction in the city, and it might be worth appealing to the other HOA's for additional funding when the time comes. The possibility of presenting slides of improvements at the annual meeting to everyone illustrating the progress and future vision of the projects might be beneficial. It was asked to find photos of "before and after" improvements.

- The President's Report was given by Ginny. The annual meeting dates have been announced. The possibility of putting together a "welcome wagon" for new neighbors packets was discussed, as well as a presidential news letter, with possible digital distribution. The idea of including a place for voluntary contributions in addition to regular HOA dues was reviewed. Ginny then discussed her meeting with the other HOA presidents, and the biggest issue with the HOA is communication. The idea of creating a facebook page, as well as different ways to communicate with the community was explored. There is a need to explain the purpose of the HOA and it had been discussed to engage City Hall to play more of a role with the HOA and residents.
- The City Council Report was given by Bill Bruning. The Tomahawk Road project was briefly discussed. The goal is safety and beautification. City Hall is also looking at connecting "spurs", relocating some crosswalks, and improving signage throughout the city. No streetlights will be added to the Tomahawk Road improvement project. The addition of a sidewalk did not pass. New planting will be used to help screen the IHCC parking lot, to beautify the city when you first drive into it off Mission Road and 69th. The storm water issue was briefly discussed. The issue is being attributed to the increase of expansion and home improvement in the area.. It had been determined that each lot must maintain 65% greenspace to help address future storm water issues. There has been discussion of closing the Belinder low water crossing permanently. It costs the city \$85,000 a year for repair. There has been some review about raising State Park Road 5" to help keep water in the creek. The new community events calendar has been very successful and there has been nice turnouts from residents. The 2023 directory update form will be mailed with invoice of membership renewal.

- The meeting was adjourned.