

OHMHA Meeting Notes from March 8, 2011

In attendance: Chad Bailey, Henry Brysk, Wendy Carman, Emily Eisbruch, Neal Foster, Greg Jagst, Anne Karabakal, Phil Savage and Amy Seetoo.

Neighbors in attendance totaled seven individuals totaled seven (regrettably, we did not have a sign in sheet).

A motion was made to move Stephen from #3 on the Agenda to #1; all approved.

- Stephen Rapundalo spoke for an hour and a half concerning issues presently facing the City Council, specifically addressing financing and budget issues and the various ways the City Council is coping with expected budgetary cuts on monies traditionally received from the State of Michigan. For a more complete review of his talk, please see the article on this subject in the May 2011 OHMHA Newsletter or online at ohmha.org.
- After Stephen's discussion, a neighbor brought up an issue with unleashed dogs cavorting throughout the Sugarbush Park area. It was proposed that a notice could be posted in the OHMHA newsletter commenting on the problem and reminding neighbors on city law regarding the matter. Neal Foster volunteered to research the issue and write up an article on this.
- The Anita Jones Memorial Bench: Wendy Carman reported that OHMHA had both collected funds from neighbors and allocated a sum from the OHMHA budget for the bench and we had ample funds for it. Neal agreed to review options to present to the Board.
- Treasurer's Report: Wendy did not have a written report at the Meeting (printer snafu) had said OHMHA had about \$12,568 in our account, an increase of \$681 from November 2010 and a total of \$11,011 after OHMHA paid liabilities. The bank paperwork involved to officially remove Stuart Baggaley as a signatory has not been completed but after collecting the

appropriate signatures the issue should be corrected. Henry motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report and Phil seconded it.

- **Garage Sale Planning:** Greg reported that last year he saw 19 families participate in the OHMHA sponsored and advertised event. Comments were made that the neighborhood seemed to benefit from this annual day and we would advertise for another Garage Sale Day on May 14, 2011. Neal motioned to accept the Garage Sale Report and Henry seconded it.
- **Discussion for February Newsletter:** Neal, Henry, Phil and his wife, Elaine, Monica and Greg had sealed, ink stamped and postage stamped the newsletters in the Traverwood Library one weekend afternoon in a bit over an hour. All who participated thought the event went well.
- **Neighborhood Watch:** Greg observed that the OHMHA newsletter article in the March issue had resulted in one neighbor contacting me to be added to the Notify List-a forwarding of the City of Ann Arbor's Crime Bulletin from Neighborhood Watch Block Captains to interested neighbors; several OHMHA Board members asked to be added to the List as well.
- **2011 Fall Festival Planning:** Amy Seetoo stated that after two years of leading the Festival (very successfully, this commenter believes) she is unable to spearhead this years' event due to other commitments. The Board agreed to seek out another volunteer for this task and tentatively will consider this years' Festival close to October 9th.
- A neighbor brought up the issue of intersections at Georgetown and Plymouth, as well as Green and Burbank, frequently being slippery and a stopping hazard for vehicles when they are not suitably salted. The Board discussed the problem as being a common one but did not come to a consensus on a resolution.

- Round Robin: Emily mentioned that we needed to choose a date for the next OHMHA Board Meeting and May 10th at 7:30 in the Thurston School was chosen.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43pm.