

OHMHA Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2009

Location: Thurston Elementary School

Board attendance: (quorum achieved): JC, SB, WC, HB, AK, EE, PM, NF, MW

Guest attendance: None

1. Call to order by Jack Cederquist at 7:34 pm
2. Agenda approved without changes. Motion by SB, 2nd by WC, all approved.
3. March 10, 2009 meeting minutes approved without changes. Motion by WC, 2nd by SB, all approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – Wendy
Currently 166 paid members. \$350 in dues and donations since the last report.
5. Possible audit – Wendy
Wendy believes Sandy Rice would do an audit at little or no cost. No motion to have an audit.
Audit issue is dropped indefinitely.
6. Taxes (Form 1120-H) and 501(c)(4) – Pete
Pete will submit 501(c)(4) forms soon. When approved, OHMHA will then clearly be federally tax free but donations still will not be tax deductible. There is no need to submit IRS Form 1120-H for our homeowners association. We may need to submit IRS Form 990.
Action: Pete submit 501c(4). After obtaining 501(c)(4) status, check need for 990. Change bank account SSN when federal tax ID number is assigned.
7. Event liability insurance – Neal
Neal will continue to investigate including with insurers Brown and Brown of Detroit and with Joanne Culbertson of OHAC.
Action: Neal to investigate in time to insure for 2009 Fall Festival.
8. Zoning commission membership – Jack
Our council members have chosen a representative so we cannot put Wendy's name forward.
Action: Wendy to monitor the commission.
9. Burbank entrance – Margie/Pete
One large evergreen is dying.
Action: Pete will contact Diane Schlotfeldt to assess interest in developing a plan for replanting.
10. Medians/lawn treatment – Wendy/Margie
Wendy reported TruGreen has been paid but reductions in pesticide/herbicide treatment were specified in the contract.
Margie has contacted TruGreen, Ecology Center, and City of Ann Arbor about pesticide/herbicide use. Pesticide/herbicide use on the medians is illegal unless a permit is obtained. We and TruGreen do not have a permit. Margie proposed a motion that further research be conducted with TruGreen, the City, and other parties as needed to investigate replacing grass with native plants, that the outcome of research be reported in the Newsletter and discussed in a well advertised Board meeting including the opportunity for homeowner input, and that the homeowners be advised that the Board will proceed with a trial replacement of grass with native plants. 2nd by Pete. Approved by 8 to 1 vote with Emily dissenting.
Action: Margie to lead investigation and Newsletter article writing. Wendy to contact landscaper, Chris Graham, about native plantings.
11. Thurston Nature Center (trees, movie set) – Neal
As reported in Newsletter, oak trees have been planted at Thurston. Negotiations are underway to allow a major studio to use the Thurston Prairie for a movie set location. The prairie will be destroyed but replaced by the studio. Payment for use is also being negotiated with 2/3 of the funds going to the Thurston Pond dredging.
Action: Neal to keep Board informed of negotiations.
12. Spring garage sale (ad and signs) – Jack/Greg
Ads, both in print and on line, have been placed. Residents have been reminded via email.

Action: Greg to organize placement and removal of signs.

13. Annual General Meeting – Jack

Meeting is scheduled for Thurston Ice Cream Social, 6 pm, June 5. Jack Cederquist will run the meeting. Presentation from Recycle Ann Arbor and Thurston Nature Center film are planned.

Action: Jack to coordinate with Recycle Ann Arbor and to publicize via residents email list. Neal to present film at 7:30 pm. Stuart to bring cash box for payment of dues. Wendy to bring ballot box.

14. Officers for next year – Jack

Reminder to be ready for election of officers at June 9 meeting after general election.

15. Fall 2009 Festival – Margie

Margie and others have contributed good ideas for Fall Festival.

Action: Margie to lead committee to plan event for early October. Fall Newsletter will need to be distributed in mid-September, earlier than usual.

16. Round robin

Many thanks to Margie for her work on the lawn/median issue.

17. Adjournment at 9:20 pm. Motion by SB, 2nd by PM, all approved.