

# ORCHARD HILLS-MAPLEWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting began at 7:09 pm.**

**Present: Wendy Carman, Amy Seetoo, Joe Trulik, Brad Pritts, Jerry Schulte, Emily Eisbruch, Steve Stancroff and Jane Klingsten.**

**Minutes** - Minutes from the April meeting were approved with a motion by Jerry seconded by Jack. All voting were in favor though Brad abstained since wasn't the April meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** - Joe described going to Huntington Bank and deciding to switch to Comerica as they had better policies regarding fees for electronic banking etc. Our bank account has \$6,594.93 in it. Wendy added that Paypal has over \$8,853.00. Joe indicated that no recent checks had been written. The approval of the report was deferred.

**Committee reports** -there were no committee updates.

### **Old Business:**

**Annual Meeting** - Wendy described the annual meeting featuring City Administrator Milton Dohoney, which was well-attended on Zoom. One person at the annual meeting voted against the proposed budget, preferring that the money be spent on landscaping instead of Fall Festivals and candidates' forums. There was a discussion of the responsibility for maintaining various entrances.

**Parks Project** - Jane described a meeting with Ann Arbor parks manager Josh Landefeld relating to different volunteer organizations that deal with parks.

**Garage Sale** - Jack reported that the garage sale happened with no new expenses incurred, substantial participation and no rain. Jane asked about having two annual sales.

**Community Policing** - Amy said that there were no recent Community Policing meetings. Jack mentioned that the police were planning to attend the Fall Festival.

**Fall Festival** - There was a discussion of various groups taking part in the Fall Festival including the Thurston Nature Center and Leslie Science Center. Emily congratulated Amy on getting two entertainment groups. Amy discussed the lineup including the Chinese Yoyo performer and local musicians. There was a discussion of the birds of prey demonstration and other entertainment options. Finally, we talked about reusable signage for the event and the cost for various events.

## **New Business**

**Candidates Forum** - We discussed the upcoming mayoral forum featuring Christopher Taylor and Eric Lipson will be on Zoom on Sept 25. We also talked about reusing signs.

**UMCU** - Wendy discussed the University of Michigan Credit Union's purchase of the Plymouth/Prairie building (the one on stilts) with the intent of replacing the structure with a drive through branch. Wendy attended a meeting where among others current councilmembers Linh Song and Kathy Griswold, and council candidate Chris Watson, took part. Linh Song said that UMCU's plans would have to go before City Council because of the drive through, which may not be approved since UMCU wants to build a one-storey structure. Jane expressed concern about traffic on Prairie from the drive through use, and also that the Credit Union may sell half of the property to another potential user.

**TC1 Zoning** - Jack asked if we should take a position on TCI Zoning. Amy suggested that OHMHA focus on providing information to neighbors about the potential rezoning.

**Deed Restrictions** - Wendy reported that there five sets of deed restrictions for different portions of the subdivisions making up OHMHA. There was discussion of doing further research regarding the potential expiration of those restrictions under the Michigan Marketable Title Act. Jane mentioned that she understood that outside counsel consulted by OHMHA believed that Association may have the ability to extend the restrictions.

**Newsletter** - Emily discussed topics for the upcoming newsletter with possible articles including a welcome to new board members, and the candidates' forum. Joe suggested that time sensitive items like the candidates' forum and Fall Festival should be publicized by emails.

**Round Robin** - We discussed whether it made sense to have two candidate forums in years with contested primaries and general elections. Wendy felt that the independent candidate was a legitimate enough contender that we should do a forum. Jane mentioned having someone speak on the climate millage. Steve agreed to be the Ed McMahon of the Fall Festival.