

Minutes of 04/28/2011 ROIA Board Meeting

Present: Ruth Brackmann, Linda Saxton, Dean Myers, Kristin Norberg, Sharon Goodman, Frank Vainisi

Note: Rick Deist arrived at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order 7:44 p.m. at Linda Saxton's house.

Additions to Agenda: Auditor Discussion

Secretary Report:

Sharon moved to accept the February 15, 2011 minutes with one clarification. Dean seconded, all approved. Linda moved to accept the March 16, 2011 minutes. Frank seconded, all approved.

Treasurer Report:

Kristin reported that she made a change to the "Statement of Dues" spreadsheet, adding a column called "Updated?" which will contain a "Y" if information has been added since the last board meeting.

Dues

- Kristin reported that there are 4 lots which still have unpaid dues from last fiscal year. She also stated that because one of these lots (#18) was over 1 year behind in payments, Rick sent a letter stating that a lien would have to be placed on the property. In addition, Ruth stated that she spoke to the homeowner face-to-face. More than 30 days have now passed with no response from the homeowner.
 - Linda made the motion for Rick to contact Marilyn Hayes, ROIA's agent, and to instruct her to proceed with having a lien placed on the property. Sharon seconded, all approved.
- Ruth asked Rick to contact Valerie Loftus to return the association's financial records which had been given to her to audit over a year ago. The board would like to have quotes from three prospective auditors by the next meeting, and Sharon volunteered to take on this task.

Dean made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Frank seconded, all approved.

Old Business:

- Morton Arboretum soil project – no updates. Should hear back around June 2011.
- Bad weather has kept Frank from adjusting the solar lights on the front entrance sign to provide more light. Dean offered to help Frank determine if the present lights can be moved, or if it will be necessary to buy additional lights when the weather improves.

Landscaping:

- Front entrance sign letters will be repainted in the spring.
- Frank and Ruth have decided to plant some donated day lilies and other perennials at the front entrance around the sign and in the island. Sharon noted that the lawn maintenance workers have done a good job picking up tree branches in the common area.

New Business:

- Ruth will contact Larsen Engineering to ask for a copy of their original survey of the retaining wall and to ask for a quote to determine if the pins have moved-- a sign of how much the wall has deteriorated. She also stated that she will contact the City of Warrenton to ask for financial help with the cost of the engineering involved in replacing the retaining wall.
- Kristin made the motion to affirm the board's e-mail vote to have the City of Warrenton take over the care of the parkway trees in River Oaks. Rick seconded, all approved. Ruth will send a letter from the board and will report back on the response.
- Ruth stated that she believes that when the City of Warrenton takes over the trimming of the parkway trees, homeowners will have the option to agree to do all the work themselves (and will be allowed to keep plants by their mailboxes, for example) or will have to remove their plantings and return the area back to grass.
- Ruth will soon be sending out a newsletter to all homeowners via e-mail, or in a few cases, hand-delivered. Rick asked if she could include the dates on which dues need to be paid: March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1 of each year. He also requested that the newsletter include a note that we no longer send out coupons to homeowners.

- Linda will send information to Becky Christiansen to update the River Oaks website and to make the directory available online.
- Ruth reported that a letter had been received from one of the Country Ridge apartment building owners requesting that we construct a permanent wall, closing off the sidewalk egress between our River Oaks subdivision and the neighboring apartment complex. Ruth consulted both Warrenville Police Department personnel and Ron Mentzer, the City Planner, and was told that due to safety concerns, the sidewalk egress at the southern end of our property must remain open for fire and emergency services.
- A new date was chosen for the next River Oaks Subdivision Garage Sale – June 25, 2011.
- The River Oaks Block Party will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011.
- The next meeting of the ROIA board will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the home of Rick Deist.

Rick made the motion to adjourn; Dean seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Sharon T. Goodman, Secretary