

Minutes of ROIA Board Meeting November 7, 2017

Board Members Present: Susan Price, Jim Berg, Erik Poulsen, Linda Saxton, Becky Christiansen,
Absent: Rick Deist, Sandi Gorski

Susan called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the previous Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: As of 11/7/17, the total assets of ROIA are \$ 21,444.39. One lot still owes for Q4 of the previous fiscal year 2016/17 and Q1 of this fiscal year 2017/18. Four lots owe for Q2 and eleven lots for Q3 of the current fiscal year. Fourth quarter dues payments are due on December 1. Bills for the block party and the ROIA website were submitted for reimbursement. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year will be discussed at the January ROIA board meeting. Jim will prepare the budget spreadsheet for the discussion.

Landscaping: There are Common Area trees that need to be trimmed behind Lots 32, 33 and 34. Linda will be getting an estimate for this work and will inform the Board via email, so it can be approved expeditiously. Linda will be contacting the City again about the storm drain problems in the Common Area.

Old Business:

South Sidewalk Access and Parking Situation – The south sidewalk between Lots 51 and 52 that connects River Oaks with the parking lot of the adjacent apartment complex will be discussed at the Annual Meeting. The Board has received requests from several River Oaks residents to limit access to this sidewalk for non-homeowners. There have been several incidents of vandalism in the area near this easement. Also, there are several cars of apartment residents that use River Oaks streets as their regular parking area. These cars seem to be parked here because of inadequate parking available for these apartments. The Board contacted the Warrenville Police Department and found that it is legal for anyone to park on our streets, unless the City restricts all overnight parking for everyone, including River Oaks residents.

One solution that is being investigated is installing a locked security gate across this sidewalk entrance way. The Fire Department has said this is doable if there is a Knox Lock on the gate, so that emergency vehicles can use this as a means of emergency access, which was the original purpose of this easement. Another possibility is putting a door within a large gate that would provide access to River Oaks residents with the use of some sort of key code or other device that would allow the door to be opened only by residents. The Board will be looking into the feasibility and the costs of these ideas, including permitting, with the intent that these proposals be discussed at the Annual Meeting which is usually in late February or early March. In addition, the alderman for Ward 4 will be asked again about the apparent lack of adequate parking for the apartment complex and how the City can handle this situation.

Block party – Linda reported on the Block Party. One of the highlights was the visit by the Warrenville Fire Department with truck, which delighted the children at the picnic. This was the third year in a row that the Fire Department has sent over a truck and firemen for this event. Linda made a motion to send \$50 from the entertainment budget as an honorarium to the Fire Department for its generosity and time. The motion passed. The major leftovers from the picnic were the makings for s'mores, which Linda suggested might be used at a River Oaks sledding party, if the winter weather would permit such an event.

New Business:

Planning for next year – The Board will be checking on how many Board vacancies will need to be filled for next year at the Annual Meeting. Since the possibility of installing a gate across the southern entrance sidewalk should increase attendance at the meeting, the Board will be investigating a civic venue nearby to hold the meeting.

Charitable donations – The Warrenville Youth and Family Services charity contacted the Board about a possible donation for their community services. Since this is outside the stated purposes of the ROIA, the Board will let the charity know that we cannot make such a donation as a Board. Information about local community charities such as this one can be added to any newsletter sent out to homeowners.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 9, 2018 at 7 PM at the home of Linda Saxton

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted
Becky Christiansen, Secretary