

ROCHESTER GLENS HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2016

Present: See Attached Sign in Sheet

Next Meeting: TBD

- I. **Called to order: 7:02pm** (Paul Merlo)
- II. **Reading of Last Meeting Minutes** (Stephanie) Paul made a motion to approve previous meeting minutes; minutes approved
- III. **Officers Reports**
 - a. **President:** (Paul)
 - i. **Accomplishments:** Summer party was a success- we had a bounce house, dj, food and fun. Halloween got moved to the court on Dickson- was very successful- we ran out of food!
 - ii. **Board is struggling to fill the spots still-** this year we are looking for people to join the Board and stay on for the full year.
 - b. **Vice President:** (Bob)
 - i. **Entrance Markers:** Last year the Board upgraded the lights at the entrance markers. First looked into it to change lighting to LED for cost savings, upon further inspection it required additional costs to upgrade due to faulty wiring and outdated boxes.
 - ii. **By Law Enforcement:** Had several issues with trailers and campers over the past year, they were taken care of. Also, had many fence questions come up- mostly new residents unsure of the rules in the neighborhood regarding fences.
 - iii. **Service Contracts:** We have a 3 year contract with White Birch to take care of the lawn cutting and entrance marker flower beds. The Board took care of some overgrowth along Livernois last year.
 - c. **Treasurer:** (Paul)
 - i. **2015 Financial Review-** Since we have had trouble keeping a Treasurer, Paul had issues in 2015 with regards to bills being mailed to previous treasurer and being unpaid. This caused the Board to be over budget on some line items. We are now current on all expenses.
 - ii. **2016 Budget Proposal-** Hoping to beat the Lighting and mailing costs this year. Insurance is higher this year than last year due to late payment in 2014 to cover most of 2015. 2016 budget has a line item for the Dahlia Storm Drain which is a nonrecurring item. Motion made to approve Budget; budget approved at \$15,320.25.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. **Newsletters, Social Media and Email Communication with residents** (Stephanie)- Still continuing this effort.
 - b. **Dahlia Storm Drain** (Mike)- Mike gave background on the issue that was brought up last year, history on attempts made to determine root cause of sink hole that is forming. Tim Brown Excavating is company who has been hired to complete the work to repair drain and fill in the sink hole that has formed. The Board is working with the homeowner on sharing the cost responsibility.
- V. **New Business**

- a. Welcome Committee (Tammy)- Committee has been formed to welcome new residents. They will receive a welcome letter, a copy of the by-laws and deed restrictions and possibly a small gift as well- details still being worked out.
- b. Annual Garage Sale (Tammy/Bob)- May 12, 13, 14/City Ordinance on garage sales is that you can have no more than 4 per year.

VI. Election of Board Members (Paul) Paul decided to step down from president position. Would prefer to run for Treasurer. Paul opened the meeting to volunteers for Board Members.

- a. President: Bob Hare ; nominated by Stephanie Q- unopposed
- b. Vice President: Mike Thomas ; nominated by Paul M- unopposed
- c. Secretary: Stephanie Quick ; nominated by Mike T- unopposed
- d. Treasurer: Paul Merlo ; nominated by Jeff H- unopposed
- e. Director: Tammy Deane ; nominated by Mike T- unopposed
- f. Director: Mike Sams ; nominated by Paul M- unopposed
- g. Director: Jeff Hengeveld ; nominated by Paul M- unopposed

VII. Open Floor for Resident Discussion (Paul):

- a. Erik Johnson: Additional discussion on Welcome Committee- Could we put FAQ on website and Facebook for questions the Board? Another neighbor spoke about how when the neighborhood was originally built there were many discussions around fences. (Erik) with small gift- it could even be to bake cookies. (Mike S) Do we have current vacant house count? (Board to look into since some mailings that came back were snow birds- Paul).
- b. Mike Thomas on behalf of Dahlia Resident: Electrical boxes on commons are peeling paint/rusting. Whose responsibility is this to maintain? Electrical Company. Also there was once a split rail fence along Drexelgate. Resident feels like that fence helped with backyard safety due to speeding on Drexelgate. Jeff gave background on fence. Fence was the neighborhoods. It was taken down due to maintenance costs.
- c. Dana Paduchowski: New resident- has 3 handicapped, nonverbal children living on Dickson. Wants to know who to contact about putting up traffic sign for handicapped child in area (Stephanie to pass contact information to Dana). Also, according to ADA and the Fair Housing Act- she is allowed to put up a fence. She would like to work with the board on finding a solution to be able to put a fence in her yard. The Board wants to work with Dana to accomplish this goal while maintaining the aesthetic of the neighborhood. This will be discussed again at a later date.
- d. Mike Sams: Has the Board looked into raising dues? (Jeff) History of past attempts to raise dues was unsuccessful due to lack of support required. (Another Resident confirmed this has been attempted in the past and was unsuccessful).
- e. Resident: Raised question on budget for lawn care. Can we look into not as many cuts? Many residents voiced opinions on staying with current lawn care provider due to previous provider not performing.
- f. Mike Thomas: Thanked Paul for service as President for 2 years.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned (Paul) 8:30 pm