

Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2022
7-8:30 PM
Via Zoom

Approved Minutes

Board members in attendance: Matt Seib, Aaron Crandall, Stan Fuka, Mary Beth Dunning, Liz Freitick, Erin McGrath (new), Jeff Bauer (new); Committee chairs in attendance: Faith Fitzpatrick, Tom Kneubuel

Welcome and Introductions

Matt called the meeting to order (Aaron joined meeting later). New board members Erin McGrath and Jeff Bauer welcomed.

Appointment of Area 3 Director

Sue Alban (Lake Mendota Drive) was voted in as the new Area 3 Director—Welcome Sue!

Approval of Minutes

March 2022 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Newsletter

Liz needs to get the June newsletter ready early due to a trip she is going on soon. Newsletter will be ready for pick up and distribution at the usual time. Deadline to distribute will be two weeks before the 4th of July events. Liz will email everyone when the newsletter is ready to be picked up. Liz explained to Jeff, Sue and Erin about pick up and distribution of the newsletter.

Donation to Ukraine

Aaron moved the discussion to the next meeting.

Request for Funding for Buckthorn Removal

Faith requested that the \$1,500 that was approved a couple of years ago for invasive plant removal, but held in the budget until needed. Now needed to pay the contractor removing the buckthorn in Spring Harbor Park. In the budget under green space/parks funds. Aaron will contact the treasurer, Joan Martin, about status of the funds. Faith explained that the work will entail clearing/opening up the wooded area of Spring Harbor Park due to a homeless camp springing up in the woods last winter. Approval to start the work due to the contractor by June 30.

Indian Hills Sign Update

Repair of the neighborhood sign at the entrance to Indian Hills has begun. The preservationist has reported that wood is in bad shape, so it makes more sense to preserve rather than repair the sign as it is, since he doesn't know how long the repairs will last. He cannot replace the

redwood boards but has sealed the boards as an act of preservation. More work will be done soon, depending on weather. Wind damage to the sign was repaired in 2012.

Reports

Alder and/or Supervisor--None

Planning and Development – Tom Kneubuel

- Development project on old Perkins site nearing completion
- Development project on former Brennan's starting. More apartments, less retail, no drive thru.
- Lake Mendota Drive reconstruction project—Common Council approved and budgeted the first phase: Infrastructure under street, storm water, sewer. Underground piping of water to lake. Narrower streets, parking on one side, curb and gutter. Ad hoc committee's biggest concern is storm water issues. City focused on solving flooding issues. No environmental expert at the City to work on environmental issues. Funding for more rain gardens along Lake Mendota Drive; Property owners will contribute \$100, the City pays the rest of cost. Tom plans to survey residents along Lake Mendota Drive to see if there is hesitation to put in a rain garden. The ad hoc committee's efforts will be put toward making changes to Phase 2.
- The car wash is an eyesore. Aaron said he hasn't heard anything about the site lately; Midas Muffler was interested in the site at one time.
- Goal as a neighborhood: to identify homes with sump pumps, promote rain gardens
- Sustainability discussion
 - Sustain Dane needs a water steward
 - Faith: LMD ad hoc committee is addressing environmental issues
 - Faith: Spring Harbor wall--vegetation plan from City; neighbors around the harbor were sent changes/additions, meeting with Parks next week to go over the plan. Joan has a copy of the plans
 - Aaron asked if anyone has heard of the Governor's Tree Program? Faith said it is administered through the City.
 - Faith—the sanitary replacement project in Indian Hills Park is almost done

Other discussion and future agenda items

- Mary Beth gave a brief update on 4th of July parade and picnic preparations
- Future agenda item: Request for funding for Merrill Spring Park

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning