

**SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)  
BOARD MEETING  
7:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 11, 2016  
Dale Heights Church**

**Minutes for Approval**

**Introductions and Roll Call**

1. Board members in attendance: Aaron Crandall, Mary Beth Dunning, Stan Fuka, Bill Fitzpatrick, Liz Freitick, Jusse Snellman (Notified absences: Kim McBride, Barb Schultz-Becker)
2. Others in attendance: Herman Felstehausen, Jessica Schumacher (Spring Court), Mark Clear, Ed Tallard (Lake Mendota Drive), Jeremy Levin

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

The September 2016 board meeting minutes were approved with a couple of minor corrections.

**Cancer Cluster Concern/Information**

Jessica Schumacher, representing 5118 Spring Court, presented her family's concerns about the number of Spring Court residents who have died of pancreatic cancer (these deaths include both of the Schumacher parents and a couple of other people living on Spring Court that they know of). She described the family's efforts to find out if more Spring Court residents have died of pancreatic cancer. They have discovered gaps in the registry of GI cancers and the State tumor board registry. The family is thinking about how to gather data and are looking for advice on how to gather names of former residents of Spring Harbor Court and how to notify them about these incidents of cancer. Jessica noted that Spring Harbor has been targeted for discovery of abandoned and improperly capped wells. She added that the State is looking at the State Tumor Registry but there is a lag time (a couple of years) for postings, looking at when people move away and where they lived the longest. Jusse asked how big of an area is being looked at and Jessica said that it was the immediate area of Spring Court and Lake Mendota Drive. Mark offered that an assessor at the State Department of Health could pull this information. Mark will get Jessica information about City's water utility progress identifying contaminated wells.

**5722 Lake Mendota Drive**

Ed Tallard, 5718 Lake Mendota Drive, presented plans for building a 900 sq ft. garage for boat/car storage on this lot. The design plans include a concrete pad, rough plumbing, and no heating or A/C. There will be electricity and the lines will be buried. Access will be off Baker Avenue. He stated that his neighbors, and the City's zoning and planning department, have no objections and that he will be starting the building permit process soon. Board members did not voice any objections to the plans as presented.

### **Announcements, Updates, and Good Works**

There was a short discussion about the advisory role and approval authority of the Board in relation to the approval authority of the general membership. It was decided that the SHNA bylaws should be reviewed at a future board meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill Fitzpatrick presented a budget dated 10/9/16, highlighting income as expected and \$2,000 in expenses to date (primarily newsletter printing, Labor Day music concert, 4<sup>th</sup> of July). Treatment of select trees in the parks for emerald ash borer was not included in the report. The report was approved as presented.

### **Fall Neighborhood Meeting and Potluck–Tuesday, 10/25**

Aaron reviewed the agenda as announced in the fall newsletter. He said that he was still waiting for confirmation that County Executive Joe Parisi could attend and talk about the budget and phosphorous removal from Lake Mendota. Aaron said that if County Executive Parisi was not available, he would ask if someone else on staff could come talk about these topics. Mary Beth is still waiting to hear from MMSD facility rental if the gym is available. If the meeting has to be held in the library, the potluck (also announced in the newsletter) will have to be canceled. Mary Beth will send out reminder about the meeting and potluck to the listserve and information will be posted on the Web site and Facebook.

### **Development Updates/Discussion – Herman Felstehausen**

- 1) Herman explained that the plans for a new house and garage at 5620 Lake Mendota Drive had conditional use approval in July. The owner Bruce Rosen has submitted amendments to the conditional use, which includes alterations to the building materials and moving the garage closer to the street, and Herman said that Mr. Rosen would like to know the Board's reaction to these changes. Jussi questioned why the Board would care about the materials used, and Herman and Aaron said we should take the opportunity to promote the use of green materials. Herman added that every project raises storm water issues and management, preserving mature trees, creating run off swales, and promoting interest in preserving the historic lake shore line. Mark Clear explained the conditional use minor alteration process: City staff reviews the changes and then asks the Alder if he approves. Mark said that he wants the neighborhood association board to vet the changes to see if there are any objections. Board members voted on the following motion to document that there were no objections to the changes: The Board reports to Alder Clear that a meeting of adjoining neighbors was held concerning the alterations to the existing conditional use permit of 7-11-16 for 5628 Lake Mendota Drive. There were no objections noted. Aaron suggested that the Board revisit the SHNA development standards at some point.
- 2) Michael Pauley, owner on Midas Muffler located at 5201 University Avenue, is looking into moving to Spring Harbor Auto Clinic site, which is up for sale. Herman advocated that the Board should be attentive to proposals such as this one, since this stretch of University Avenue is a development corridor and it is a positive sign that Mr. Pauley is talking to neighborhood.
- 3) Herman suggested having a joint neighborhood discussion with University Hill Farms about what is viewed as the negative impact of the new state building and the increase in the number of cars in the area and get traffic engineering involved. No action was taken.

**Alder Update/Report – Mark Clear**

Mark gave a brief description of the redevelopment plans for the Famous Footwear site on Mineral Point Road: mixed use, big project on the scale of Hilldale Mall. Mark was asked about the downtown plan, which he said is the zoning plan approved last year. Asked about Judge Doyle development site, he said there is no big anchor tenant at this time.

**Supervisor Update/Report—Jeremy Levin**

Jeremy referenced the article he wrote for the fall newsletter, which covered the human services part of the budget, the Clean Lakes Initiative, increased mental health services in the local high schools, affordable housing. Herman asked about the new location for the homeless shelter, which will be the Chamber of Commerce building on E. Washington. Jeremy said that the space has almost everything needed and parking is included.

**Other Business**

Aaron said that a Halloween Party coordinator is still needed. The event will be canceled if no one volunteers soon.

Meeting adjourn.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday, Nov. 8

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning