

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SHNA)

BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M. Thursday, February 27, 2020

Dale Heights Church

APPROVED MINUTES

Board members in attendance: Aaron Crandall, Mary Beth Dunning, Stan Fuka, Joan Martin, Sally Miley, Barb Schultz-Becker, Jussi Snellman

Also in attendance: Amy Kinast (Tomahawk Trail)

Welcome and Introductions

Sally called meeting to order (Aaron took over when he arrived). Introductions.

Approval of January minutes

Approved, with minor word change about approval of Loewi deck project and the correction of a budget line item suggestion.

F-35 discussion—Amy Kinast

Amy presented information on the possible decision that Truax Field on Madison's east side will house the new F-35s, and presented information on the potential noise and water pollution issues, and safety issues, to the Madison area and the opposition of the neighborhoods near the airfield. There were questions about an about an environmental impact statement, and financial and military issues. There was a short discussion about what can we do as a neighborhood association to address this issue. Amy included in her handout a draft of a proposed letter of concern/opposition that SHNA could use; no action was taken. There was a suggestion that this would be a good topic for the Spring all-neighborhood meeting. Amy will contact the organization Safe Skies Clean Water Coalition, which is spearheading the opposition campaign, about coming to speak at our neighborhood meeting. This will be after the official announcement of where the F-35s will be stationed (a location in another state is also being considered).

Announcements, reminders, and good works

- New Voting Location for our neighborhood: Sally said that she thought more signage about where to park and what door to enter was needed. There was general agreement that the location worked well, though.
- Urban Forestry Report—Sally said there are no firm recommendations yet.

Business

a. Review of 2020 Budget

Joan led the review for approval of the 2020 budget with a comparison to the 2019 budget (first presented at the January board meeting). Items discussed: 1) Allocation of funds for Parks/Natural Areas [Keep--this is to help pay for buckthorn removal in Spring Harbor Park]; 2) Crestwood Gardener in Residence [Keep at \$250. The money budgeted for 2019 was not sent so Joan will send a check for \$500, stipulating that the money is contribution for 2019 and 2020 and not an increase in the contribution]; 3) Garden Park Planting Fund—Keep in budget to cover

seeds, plantings, treating ash trees. Funds are usually requested by Faith Fitzpatrick and often matched by the Indian Hills Garden Club]; 4) Signage [Keep at \$500 to cover new and more signage for events]; 5) Meeting expenses [Keep at \$100, this is for microphone/speaker/projectors when needed for meetings]

- Budget approved with noted changes.
- b. Newsletter assignments—In Liz’s absence, Aaron led the review of articles for the April newsletter. Articles due to Liz by March 15. Mary Beth will contact Kim about updating of Bulletin Board in newsletter. Aaron will send list of article assignments to Liz.
- c. Spring Meeting Planning—Date set for April 16 at Spring Harbor Middle School. Mary Beth has reserved the school library. Board member elections are held at this meeting; Area 4 director position will need to be filled. Guest speaker will be someone from Safe Skies Clean Water Coalition (Amy making the arrangements—see above).

Reports

Aaron presented the highlights of Stewart’s development report. There was a short discussion about the number of vacant buildings along University Avenue in our stretch of the road.

Discussion Items

- Aaron says he plans to organize the Easter Egg Hunt again on Saturday, April 11, in Indian Hills Park.
- Aaron asked if the board should sponsor the neighborhood yard sale this year. There was general agreement that there would be enough interest and tentative dates of 5/29-30 were set. Aaron will create a Google form so people can register and we can publicize the addresses; Barb will list the event on Craig’s List, and Mary Beth will put on Web site and send out to the listserve.
- Garlic Pull and Spring Clean-up—Mary Beth said Liz has the info and dates for the newsletter.

No city alder or county supervisor reports.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, 4/26