

SPRING HARBOR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING

7:00 P.M. Thursday, November 21, 2019

Dale Heights Church

APPROVED MINUTES

Board members in attendance: Liz Freitick, Stan Fuka, Giovanna Jeffries, Aaron Crandall, Mary Beth Dunning, Joan Martin

Others in attendance: Nancy Ellison, Faith Fitzpatrick, Stewart Ellison, Keith Furman, Herman Felstehausen, Mark Wohlford (4918 LMD architect)

4918 Lake Mendota Drive

Mark Wohlford, Designer/Architect w/Design Shelter, in Middleton WI, presented design and construction plans for this property on Lake Medota Drive, near the golf course. The discussion focused on the replacement of the old cottage and the siting of a larger residential structure near historic Native American effigy mounds. Two stories with basement. Addressing roof run off. Framing for an elevator. No walkout basement. No steps toward mound. Total sq ft 4538, basement, 1000 sq ft.

- Dec 7th—going before Historic Preservation. Native American effigy mound partly cataloged, can't touch that part of the property. Have been in communication with the state archeologist
- Dec 9th—going before Plan Commission. If conditional use permit is granted, then will apply for building permit
- There were questions about:
 - Drainage: There is a drainage issue, mound is raised, prevents water from draining, collects along property line. Will have to work around effigy mound, which will be protected during construction. Oak tree protected during construction. Two trees coming down. There is 40' slope to the lake.
 - Herman asked if it was possible to see a drainage design proposal and asked if an underground system is possible? *Possible above ground*. Also asked about water retention plans that would include rain gardens. *No area flat enough for a rain garden*. Herman suggested making a small curb to direct water coming off street.
 - Shoreline erosion/protection: Faith asked about mass wasting and pointed out that the shoreline used to be further out and that the shoreline has been caving. *Deck will be held up by sonotube concrete forms. Possible photovoltaic set up on the roof*. Swale between house and mound to redirect water, goes along edge of porch. Matching grade with neighboring property, will perhaps build a riverlet with riprap and fabric to collect water and direct toward lake. Excavation—may

have to haul it away. State makes rules about maintenance of effigy mounds, even ones under private ownership.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

August and September meeting minutes approved. No October meeting.

Update on Spring Harbor Retaining Wall

Faith reported that City Engineering improved the railing and is working on putting in pipe to take water under the road and into the lake. In the spring the vegetation will be replaced and she is hoping to get the input of the Indian Hills Garden Club and said the chair of the Lake Shore Preserve (a landscape architect) has offered to help look at the plans. Water table still high. Spring flowing on Craig Avenue.

Reports

Alder—Keith reported that the budget passed. There will be a vehicle registration to fund bus rapid transit and a slight raise in property taxes. Keith said there have been discussions about how to restructure the city council, (e.g. as full-time alders, fewer alders, fewer committees) and other changes such as video conferencing in to meetings, parking validation and child care for council meetings. One goal is to increase diversity in the alder position. Final report was sent to the Council. If accepted, proposed changes will go out for referendum and take effect in 2022.

Treasurer's report—Joan distributed report dated 11/21/19. The report was approved. There was a brief discussion about category names on the Treasurer's Report and updating of categories on the membership form.

Planning and Development--Stewart reviewed list of active projects in the neighborhood. Aaron added that a letter of support for a particular project should be sent as individual input.

Other Business

Review of Fall Neighborhood Meeting—general agreement that it went well, good attendance. Volunteer recognition was well received.

Aaron will send out a doodle poll about a date for a board retreat in February. Brainstorming about structure of committees, getting more residents involved, creating welcome committee

Meeting adjourned—8:45pm

Minutes submitted by Mary Beth Dunning