

Bloomfield Village Association
Trustee Meeting

April 19, 2016

Trustees present: Tom Brookover, Jeff Kern, Tim O'Hara, Margie Parker, Trish Saulnier, Bret Zilka, Andrew Fromm, Susan Ferrari, Cathy Weissenborn, Art Atkinson (Village Mgr.), Tim Currier (Village Counsel)

Tom Brookover called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Fire Department Report: Chief Geoff Hockman Reported

- The Fire Department made 4 runs during the month of March. One was a citizen's assist with a baby's leg stuck in a crib, Sgt. Hurd was able to free the baby unharmed. Two runs were fire alarms with contractors involve and the fourth was an odor investigation that turned out to be a leak in the dryer gas line in the basement...
- The BVFD participated in exercises with the Township FD to practice forcible entry. The Township set up a training apparatus with a 300 pound door and the BVFD firefighters all took turns using different tools to open the locked door safely.

Police Department Report: Sgt. Hurd Reported

- One stolen ID and one larceny report taken outside of Kroger's
- Sgt. Hurd said that this is the time of the year to be on guard of suspicion activity in the Village and look out for things out of the ordinary. Be on guard for vendor scams on painting and lawn service.
- Police continue to check on houses of residents on vacation. They routinely check the doors and windows to make sure they are locked, and look for signs of strangers around the home.

Road Committee Report – no report, last correspondence was emailed to the board members.

Architectural Reviews

Tom Brookover read the standard introductory language

516 Waddington – Hugh and Debbie Sloan - Rear Addition Variance

- Existing Home was built in 1931 and never conformed to Village and Township variances. Addition will take out a bay window and add a few feet to the left side of the home.
- Neighbors are fine with the plans as proposed.
- The Sloan's architect Michael Willougley said he will match the existing brick, and can staining it if necessary.
- Sample of brick will be shown and approved by Art.

Motion to approve plans as presented with approval of matching brick and other materials by Art, with recommendation to the township to approve the variance, passed unanimously, 9:0

2684 Bradway Blvd – Mark and Laura Bergin - Front Yard Piers & Lamps -

- Travis Beard, Landscape architect made the presentation
- Piers and lights are being put in for esthetics
- The Board asked the owner to make to check with the Township to make sure the piers are not built in the township right-of- way
- Will use Coastal Slate for the piers.
- The homeowner was asked if they can use light fixtures that will not shine upward into the neighbors’ homes. Fixtures will also need to get approval from the Township.

Motion to approve plans as submitted, subject to approval of light fixture by the Township and by Art and review with the Township the variance from the right-of- way. Passed unanimously, 9:0

279 N. Glengarry Rd. – Jonathan Sieber, Rear Yard Fence

- Sean Gardella of Sean Gardella & Associates made the presentation. Homeowners want to build a fence is to retain their dog that is not restrained by an invisible fence.
- The Township regards these plans to build a dog enclosure and has different setback requirements than a normal back yard fence. The variance for a dog fence is 16 ft. from the side yard and 25 feet from the back lot line.
- The Siebers are asking for 6ft variances on the side yard and a 15 ft. variance from the back yard.
- The fence would be screened with landscaping and not visible from the street.

Motion to approve plans as submitted, recommending the township approve the variance requested, motion failed: 8:1.

560 Glengarry Circle – Craig and Emily Berthel, Rear Yard retaining wall and landscaping

- Michael Dul and Associates made the presentation.
- The applicant has concerns with privacy due to Dr. Coleman having patients coming to his home and parking in his driveway in sight of the homeowner. The Berthel’s want to protect their privacy and previously requested to build a 6 ft. privacy fence. That request was denied at the March board meeting.
- Township allows for limited use of residence for business purposes.
- Retaining wall will function as a planter and will hold landscaping and allow proper drainage. Plantings are in a low area with a lot of water and the landscaping is dying. The retaining wall material will also be the same color and material as the paving brick planned for the back yard.
- Discussion by the board regarding drainage was addressed by the architect.

Motion to approve plans as submitted subject to planting landscape screening the wall that will face the street, passed unanimously, 9:0

2515 Amberly Road, Andrew and Christie Hill - Secondary Front Yard Fence

- The home is on a corner lot on Amberley and Covington.
- The Hills are new to the neighborhood and have 3 children.

- They are worried that Covington is a busy street and want the fence so their children will be protected from accidentally going into the street when they are in the back yard.
- Neighbor comment is that they do not support a fence

Motion to deny plans as submitted, 7 approved, 2 opposed, motion was passed.

Approval of March 15 Minutes – Motion to approve March minutes was unanimously approved

Treasurer’s Report –

- Cathy Weissenberg reviewed both the February and March Treasurer’s report with the board,
- Maintenance of Hackett Hall and Annual Recognition Dinner cost were reviewed.
- Village account activity was also reviewed on line and approved by the Treasurer.

Motion to approve the treasurer’s s report for February and March was passed unanimously.

Legal Report – Tim Currier reported no new liens on Village homes this month. Board discussed the appointment of a new board member to replace as Jack Marwil from district 1 who resigned. The board can appoint a new member and according to the bylaws they are not specific to having to be from the same district as the member who is leaves before the end of the term.

- Jerry Kemp expressed an interest in filling the seat and lives in district 1. Brad Corner also expressed an interest to replace Jack. Brad lives in district 4.

.Village Manager’s Report: Highlights

- 2016 Maintenance Fund Assessment total due 181,300 with 174,862 received. 40 properties outstanding.
- 2015 2 homes remaining unpaid lien warning will be sent to the homeowners of 1266 North Glengarry and 650 lasher. 2014 has one home with a lien remaining.
- Village Spring Bulletin, all ads are paid
- Office upgrade is going well larger scanning ability a great benefit to upload information to laptops.
- Street sign 48 of 100 are completed.

Village Manager Actions

- 862 East Glengarry - Shutters will be installed in May, Art reviewed with the board the changes to the front porch and the elimination of the gable that were on the original plans. Board approved the changes unanimously.
- 2662 Broadway – lack of shutters and removal of railings on the balcony and removal of columns that were on the original approved plans will need approval by the board. Addition of shutters is still in discussion with homeowners and homeowners will need to come before the board to get approval of new plans in May.

Old Business

- Discussion on limiting the number of invitees for the annual dinner to control cost. It was proposed that the board review and approve the invitees to the annual dinner in September before the invitations go out in February.

New Business

- Nominees for trustee:
 - District One - Laurence Namibian, 231 Waddington
 - District Two - Cathy Weissenborn 400 Hamilton Road
 - District Three - Kevin Larson, 3495 Sunnydale Road
 - District Four – Susan Anderson, 751 Covington Road
- Annual board meeting is May 17th, 2016, moving the regular board meeting to May 10th
- Names of nominees for 4 board positions will be submitted on May 10th
- It was also recommended that all board members be in compliance with the deed restrictions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Next Meeting **May 10**, 2016

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Kern, Secretary