

Bloomfield Village Association

Trustee Meeting

April 20, 2015

Jason Weintraub, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Trustees present: Jack Marwill, Susan Ferrari, Tim O'Hara, Cathy Weissborn, Jim Fielder, Margie Parker, Tom Brookover, Trish Sauliner, Andrea O'Donnell, Art Atkinson (Village Mgr.), Tim Currier (Village Counsel)

**Fire Department:** Jeff Kern reported the following:

- 9 runs; smoke alarms, for contractors working on water pipes, three cancelled in route. Also, mentioned when you leave home for extended period, shut off the main water valve in home in order to avoid a broken water pipe.
- Jeff is leaving as chief and Geoff Hockman will be the appointed fire chief. He has been a volunteer fire fighter since 2008, Village Board member and has been the assistant chief since 2014, and has responded to many runs in his tenure, due his work location (Bloomfield Sports).

**Police Department:** Commissioner Tom Parker absent, Sgt. Hurd reported light month as always. One ID theft, 2 arrests for drivers with suspended licenses. Traffic enforcement remains primary concern and there was a break in on Burning Bush. Suspects entered through unlocked side entry door. All security devices that are with your home should be used for protection. Report any suspicious activity to Bloomfield Township Police first.

**Architectural Reviews:**

1. **275 Yarmouth-** Cleary residence- Rr. Yd. Pool, Equipment, Fence  
Wes Gillette from Gillette Pools presented the proposal for a new in ground pool and an automated gate enclosing the entire property for the safety of the children. First motion deny plan as presented, approve pool fence as described on diagram for only the pool with enclosure. **Motion failed 4:6.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to have the automated gate @ corner with other fence behind egress window, yet in front of circular windows and keep plantings to screen pool equipment. **Motion failed 5:5**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Motion- Have no security gate over driveway, fence the left side of home (S) near egress window and fence by driveway -green areas back of home by yew shrubs and meet back of home with the automated gate to protect the pool area and safety for children. **Motion passed.**

2. **3189 Tuckahoe Rd.**- Ashley Residence-Front façade changes  
Andrew, homeowner presented findings for the cost of removing the painted stone on front of home. \$3,500 to re-stone, \$1,500 Red Maple Tree. Board discussed the painting of the stone w/out prior approval and there was a motion to require the removal of the stone and come back to board with a full plan. Motion failed 5:5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion was to consider a new plan to make the front façade look pleasing and bring the plan back to board for some successful options, whether it is new landscaping or brick color. **MOTION Tabled unanimously.**
  
3. **1303 Indian Mound West**- LaVerde residence- Rear yard Fence  
Homeowners are new and from Chicago, had security issues at old home and would like to install a rear yard fence, with open gates at sides of each neighbor's yards/lots. Emphasis was on security for themselves, in the village. Noted that there already are mature Arbor Vitae in place on side of both property lines. Motion to deny approval of new fence. 7:4-**Motion approved.**
  
4. **759 Half Moon**- Arndt residence-Rear yard Fence  
Courtney and Dan, homeowners want to add fencing starting in the southerly front corner of the home connecting to existing fence of the neighbors on the south side lot line and from the northerly rear corner of the home with gate over drive and then to the and rear lot line to existing fencing. Homeowners are on a busy corner, want safety for their children. The proposal to replace the existing chain link fence on the rear lot line with a 6' white plastic fence was withdrawn. Motion to add 25% of fence that meet the need of the board. **Motion denied.** 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion to deny fence as drawn, approve a fence that starts in front of the AC unit across the side yard connecting to existing chain link fence of the neighbors to the south, gate over drive connecting to existing chain linked fence on rear property line. **Motion approved 6:4 in view of the proximity of lot off Lahser Rd. and safety issues.**
  
5. **2152 Tottenham**- Diskin Residence- Rear Yard  
Tim Barnes from Sport Court presented proposal for a rear yard 30x60 concrete covered (in colored plastic tile) sport court that will have full drainage and proper pitching. No lights on court, 1 basketball hoop, evergreen screening. Motion to approve as presented. **Approved unanimously.**
  
6. **725 Half Moon Drive**- Rousseau Residence- Fence replacement & new fence.  
Note: Tom Brookover recused himself from this item.  
Both homeowners, Donna & Robert were present and are seeking approval to replace their 4 ft. chain link fence (and gate over drive) with 4' black wrought iron style fence by 759 Half Moon Rd. (Arndt home) moving it

rearwards a few feet to connect to the rear corner of the house and also replace the previous wood fencing (partially removed recently by the previous homeowner) along the southerly side property line connecting to the existing chain link fence on the rear property line (neighbor's fence).

**Motion to approve fence as submitted, 5:4**

7. **700 Wooddale Rd.** - Gillette residence- New home. Jason Krieger Klatt, architect, presented the new home plan and homeowners were both present. Andrea O'Donnell, homeowner and Board member suggested that driveway be straightened and moved north to exit across from Wooddale Court. Other suggestions were asked to make the driveway 12ft. wide, the standard width, vs. 13ft. that is on plan. Motion to approve. **Approved unanimously.**

Approval of 3/17/2015 Minutes- **Motion approved unanimously.**

**Treasurer's report-** Jim reported that the financials were reviewed and there was a decrease in cash position, David Smith dollars collected, Assoc. expenses off due to timing of outgoing invoices, and recognition gifts. There will be approx. \$8-9k of reimbursable expenses. **Approved.**

**Legal Report:** -

-Tim reported that a letter was drafted on 4/2/2015 regarding bylaws/election process and a review is needed. Village has many homes that are in trusts, corporate owned or in spouses name.

- West Maple Rd. Project- **MMTB-** As of 4/17/15 the Ad Hoc Street Committee meeting will be conducting a, 6 month project w/ help of traffic consultant to determine if this might be a feasible project. Construction is to start summer of 2016. Village is against this, letter issued based on petition from residents and residents need to be vocal with their concerns, next Birmingham City Council meeting is May 7 th at 6pm.

**Village Manager's Report:**

-Written report submitted; 8 new homeowners, 2015 Maintenance fund 96% paid. 2014 Maintenance Fund has 2 Liens prepared, 1 home in foreclosure and up for sale.

-Upcoming events:

May 12, 2015- Village Board Meeting

May 19, 2015- Village Annual Meeting

-Board Nominations for exiting members established:

Dist. 1- Brett Zilka

Dist. 2- Andrew Fromm

Dist. 3- Jeff Kern  
Dist. 4- Jim Kendall

**Old Business:**

- 2013 Road SAD Map of Support results – Art will send to all board members, however the map will not be scanned, distributed in any means. **Motion approved.**

**New Business:**

- Motion to have a board member review the Village Website to make sure updates have been posted and information is relevant. Duties to belong to the Secretary of the Board. **Motion Approved.**
- Letter to Village residents regarding information on former road petition to be sent in next newsletter.
- Taxable value of homes will not be a valid option for roads. Tim to look into with Savoie.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm

Next Meeting: May 12, 2015

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Ferrari, Trustee