

Bloomfield Village Association

Trustee Meeting

September 15th, 2015

Trustees present: Andrea O'Donnell, Tom Brookover, Jeff Kern, Trish Saulnier, Tim O'Hara, Bret Zilka, Susan Ferrari, Ron Ross, Jack Marwil, Margie Parker, Andrew Fromm, Art Atkinson (Village Mgr.), Tim Currier, (Village Counsel)

Andrea O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 6:55 PM

Fire Department Report: Chief Geoff Hockman Reported

- The fire departments made 4 runs during the month of August. 1 down power line, a careless cook and 2 general fire alarms.
- A question came from the board regarding what to do with trees that have grown over power lines. Residents should call Detroit Edison and have them do the trimming.
- The department will be doing its annual hose pressure testing this month.
- Geoff reminded the board that the annual open house will be Sunday October 4th, from 1:00 to 2:30 and all are welcome.

Police Department Report: Commissioner Tom Parker reported

- August was a quiet month; ticket activity was down again most likely due to the construction on Covington Rd.
- Radar sign purchase is still under study and will most likely be tabled until spring to better formulate a plan to put it to the best use.
- Gypsies are again in the area with some reported robberies in the Township. So far there has been no activity.

Architectural Reviews

Andrea O'Donnell read the standard introductory language

1291 East Indian Mound –Devon & Christopher Cook- Rear Yard Fence

- The Cooks are new homeowners and want to add a fence to partially enclose their back yard and to connect to an existing neighbor's fence
- They want the fence for security reasons and to keep neighbors pets from coming into their yard.
- The Cooks would include landscaping to cover the fence.
- The response from the board was that fences have always been discouraged in the village and that landscaping was the preferred alternative to enhance privacy,

Motion to deny the fence: - Passed unanimously

1375 N. Glengarry Rd – Brian Eisenberg– New front Porch

- Architect, Robert Clark of CBI Design Professionals presented plans to extend the front porch, matching the stone currently there and adding 4 ft. to the front hall foyer.
- Proposal gives more focus to the front door and entryway which can be confused with a second front door to the north.
- No dimensions were given to the plan. The architect wants to fit the plan the proportions of the house.

Motion to approve Request: Passed unanimously

Approval of 9/15/2015 Minutes – Motion to approve passed unanimously

Treasurers Report – Cathy Weissenborn’s written report was reviewed at the meeting. Taxes for ad revenues from the Village Bulletin were filed. The Village requested reimbursement from the township for \$11,750 for the Insurance premiums related to Police and Fire charges in August; cash receipts to cover the expense will not be shown until the September statement. (Also reflected in the Manager’s report)

The Treasurer and President both reviewed the August bank statements from Huntington bank and the monthly activity was in order.

Legal Report – One lien remains for 2014 on Lasher road recorded in April. Birmingham is moving ahead with changing Maple Road to 3 lanes.

Village Manager’s Report:

- Written report was submitted, 3 new owners in the Village, 2015 maintenance fund has 16 residences not paid. 2014 has one home outstanding.
- Village Bulletin, ads paid up for spring addition, summer ads \$6300 billed, \$5800 paid.
- Bradway Park Pavilion needs the concrete to be leveled; the current quote to do the work is \$6,780 for 800 square feet of concrete. Discussion from the board was to look for other alternatives such as gravel to improve the Pavilion. Art will talk to the Garden Club and get their input.

Village Manager Actions

- 575 Hamilton Rd - homeowner came in on August 31st, and drew up plans to screen the AC units. The township had given the homeowner until September 15th to finish plantings. Work had not been completed by that date. Art to follow up.
- 3475 Sunnydale – Above yard pool has been removed from the backyard.
- 1407 Sandringham – Homeowner did not get approval for the colors used when the home was repainted, with some residents complaining about the choice. Art will contact the homeowners and have them submit a proposal and present their color selection to the board. Art would not have allowed the current colors if they had presented them to him initially. All agreed that the

homeowners should have come to the board through the proper channels initially and they still need to do so even though it is after the fact and the work has been done.

- 3015 Bradway – Neighbor complaints regard the homeowner parking their cars off the driveway and the AC units not being screened. Art did discuss the AC unit screening with the homeowner and the homeowner said he will take care of it. Art will also follow up with the homeowner about the parking situation.
- 875 Glengarry - Landscape plans are due to be completed on September 19th and the work has not been done. A revised plan has been approved but completion date not extended.
- 2609 Endsleigh - Inquiry about a canopy in the rear yard. The Township addressed the issue in 2012 and concluded that it was a seasonal item and the canopy was not a permanent structure and it is removed in the winter.

Old Business

- Bylaws were typed and transcribed from the 1989 version.

Motion to post Bylaws to the Website was passed unanimously.

New Business

Ron Ross submitted his proposal to improve the Village Website by using HOA Sites an outside web site provider that specializes in association web design. Some features of the service are:

- The Village will be able to maintain its own domain
- Customized design allowing for more interaction by users and easier access to Village organizations, planned activities and information.
- Surveys can be designed and tallied for Village issues.
- Facebook feature with comment postings
- Ongoing support to maintain and improve website
- Cost would include a \$400 set up fee and a \$950 per year maintenance fee.

Motion to have Ron and Art meet and present a recommendation to the board passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

Next Meeting October 20th, 2015

Respectfully Submitted by Jeff Kern