Wexford Village Homes Association, Inc.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday 4 June 2013 – 7:00 PM

Room 153 – High Point Church 7702 Old Sauk Road

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and a quorum was present. Members Present: Sally Drew, Dick Ihlenfeld, Matt Nelson, Paul Krupski, Brianna Wolbers, Darrin Pope, Jim Rather, Marni McEntee, Ken Schmidt. Members Absent: Paul Stang, Trish Watts

2. Minutes of May 7, 2013 meeting were not available. Trish will present them at a future meeting.

3. Financials: Paul Stang reported (via email) that the dues collections are behind previous years. He has about 48 or 49 that have not paid yet for 2013. He is hoping that the 3rd and final notice, to be mailed soon, will encourage and remind folks to pay their dues. A payment of interest in April was repair of the walking path lights.

4. Old Business:

a. The Neighborhood Watch meeting held on Tuesday 21 May at the Ashman library concerning recent crimes in our neighborhood was attended by about 44 Wexford residents. It was conducted by Lieutenant John Patterson, Lieutenant of Patrol for the West District. A summary of his comments and slide presentation will be posted on the Wexford Website for review by all interested Wexford residents.

b. The request for funding by several Wexford residents who wish to hold an end-of-summer barbeque in Wexford Park was tabled since nobody attended to speak on the proposal.

c. A long discussion was held to address the complaints from two Longmeadow residents (GK 7422 and SS 7414) concerning landscaping at 7418 Longmeadow. Three Board members (Dick, Sally, Matt) personally visited and met with the owners of the property in question and toured the front and back yards. It was determined that the owners had hired professional landscapers in April who had trimmed back shrubs and pruned trees and hauled away two truckloads of branches and limbs. In addition, it was observed that the existing beds of vegetation are well-defined and bordered by landscaping bricks and that the lawn in between the beds is mowed and appeared well-maintained.

The owners of 7418 indicated that they are aware of the unhappiness of their neighbors with their more natural form of landscaping but explained that they enjoy the birds and butterflies which their vegetation attracts. One of them is a wildlife photographer who likes to present a habitat that attracts such wildlife. They indicated that they will ensure that plantings on their property are not allowed to extend over their property line and that they will not plant any vegetation that is noxious or not in keeping with the surrounding neighborhood. Further, their belief concerning animals (e.g., squirrels, rabbits, voles, field mice, woodpeckers) is that the woods behind their property which abuts the pond is more of an attraction and living space for such creatures than is their yard.

After review of the applicable Wexford Covenants, Board members present agreed that this is not a covenant violation but more of a disagreement between neighbors over personal landscaping tastes. A letter to GK and SS will be drafted and presented for Board review at a future meeting.

d. Wexford Park shed update – tool racks and a shelf for small tools have been installed. An expansion of the shed to increase its storage capacity is still on track for Fall 2013 or Spring 2014, with Wexford cost-sharing 50:50 with City Parks Department. It is hoped that the equipment currently being stored in personal garages and basements of Board members (lawn mowers, snow blowers, trimmers) can be consolidated in the enlarged shed. Cost is anticipated to be about $2800 to $3600.

e. Traffic Circle at Sawmill/N Westfield – none of the promised upgrades have taken place yet. Dick will contract Streets and Parks if nothing happens in the next two to three weeks.

f. Large Wexford sign at Sawmill/Gammon was repaired and repainted and reinstalled on Sunday 19 May. The next day (Monday 20 May) apparently the same two boys seen around the sign the first time of damage were again seen by neighbors at 7002 and 7005 Sawmill wiggling the sign. It is broken again. Dick will remove it and see about further repairs and contact the police department to file a report of neighbors’ observations and descriptions of the two boys.

g. Trees that fell from Lot 400 (Wexford Prairie) into backyard of 7122 Longmeadow have been removed. Harrington Tree Service did the work and did a good job with very little damage to the lawn.

h. The tree which fell from 9 Quail Ridge into the yard at 7010 Sawmill was removed on May 17th.

5. New Business

a. After neighbors’ complaints that 1217 N. Westfield’s property was unkempt, Dick notified the city inspector, who looked at the property on May 29. A certified letter was sent to the homeowner on May 30, and the lawn was mowed by a commercial company on June 1.

b. Free music concerts in Wexford Park: Brianna attempted to get a music act to perform in Wexford Park for the inaugural event June 21 where musicians will play around Madison in free concerts. But, the two groups Brianna contacted were not adequate for a varied audience. If the event continues again next year, Brianna will try to find an appropriate act farther in advance.

c. July 4th Parade & Picnic: The board discussed plans for the July 4 parade in Wexford Village.

* + A parade permit has been obtained and a police escort requested.
  + Board members need to get Trish’s list of volunteers
  + Board also decided what food and drinks to purchase for the event, and some board members volunteered to help with setup and equipment such as tables and roasters.
  + Board will meet at 7:00 Wednesday evening, June 26, at Wexford Park just to discuss the parade and picnic final plans.

d. Brianna indicated she needs articles for the Summer 2013 Wexford Watch newsletter.

e. A discussion of the status of the 2013-2014 Wexford Directory was postponed since Trish was not in attendance.

f. Board discussed whether and how to purchase mulch for Boothbay Circle and Castelbar Court. Neighbors in both areas will do the work of spreading the mulch if the Board purchases it.

g. Board members plan to help remove dead trees on Apple Hill Circle, in lot 400 and on the Saukdale/Wexford berm unless it is determined that professionals are needed to do the job safely and effectively.

6. Committees and Wexford Activities reports

\* Contracts:

* Mowing: mulching around poles and hardwood trees and the spraying of cracks in the walking path pavement will commence soon and
* Lights: Another survey of all poles to be done soon, both day and night with report to PKK for repairs
* Fertilizer/herbicide/crabgrass control: Truegreen will do an application on Friday June 7.
* Path paving: Five spots identified. More areas to be located.
* Covenants:
  + 15 Boothbay Circle swing set still there. Matt still trying to resolve the issue.
  + Fence request at 1125 N. High Point Road – were told has to be 3 feet or less
* Parks - plants have arrived and Ken will install
* Website/FB page: Trish not able to attend the meeting
* Welcoming committee activities:
  + Several new homeowners need to be welcomed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by: Marni McEntee and Dick Ihlenfeld