

Minutes of the Tollgate Association Board Meeting Saturday, October 1, 2005

Attending: Garry Sauner, Ed Bronikowski, Chuck Connor, Bill Arthur, and Bob Donaldson

Location: Home of Garry Sauner

Meeting Time: Meeting began at 9:10 am.

Association Business:

The minutes of the August 27, 2005 board meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Donaldson submitted his report to the board. **Tollgate's 2005 Net Worth** after all dues are received and all bills are paid for the year is estimated to be \$1,821.90. Under **2005 Income/Expenses** – There is a \$3,698 charge reflecting the cost to repair the Gazebo at the entrance of Tollgate Way. Lyons Contracting installed a new slate roof and replaced fascia boarding on September 30, 2005. Under **2005 Liabilities** - he pointed out the cost for pruning will be higher than first anticipated because five trees also need to be removed. The estimated cost is \$4,500. See attached Treasurer's Report.

Landscape Committee: No report given.

Tree Committee: Bob Donaldson plans to meet with the City Arborist on October 3rd at 9:00 am to discuss the removal of five trees in Tollgate. The five trees include: a Cherry tree at 101; a weed tree behind 103; a diseased Dogwood at 117; a Weeping Cherry at 129; and an Austrian pine at 125 Tollgate Way. See attached Tollgate Way Tree Inventory.

Social Committee: Garry Sauner thanked Ella Lyons, Cindy Donaldson, and Gayle Phillips for their time and efforts to make the Fall Picnic held on September 25th a resounding success.

Architectural Committee: Garry Sauner reported that Mark Kaye at 106 Tollgate Way notified the Architecture Committee and then painted his garage door red. The color hue is a Palace Arms Red from the Martin-Seymour Williamsburg Collection. A contractor will paint the shutters and front door the same red color at a future date. The committee asked Mark if he would consider replacing the front door before doing the additional painting, as the existing door is not an acceptable style within Tollgate. The Kayes would like to do that but cannot do so at this time because of cost and interior work requiring accomplishment. Bob Donaldson said the previous homeowner, Jack Johnson, managed to slip this one by an earlier Architecture Committee and Board because nobody wanted to challenge him on the door issue.

Unfinished Business: The Gazebo. Bob Donaldson offered to chalk and Ed Bronikowski volunteered to prime and paint the Gazebo's wooden trim.

S. Cherry St. Properties. Garry Sauner will send the Association's petition regarding future land use designation on S. Cherry St. to the City Clerk next week. The petition thanks the City Council for its support to date and urges Council Members, when a final vote is taken to consider amending the City's 1997 Comprehensive Plan, to unanimously vote in favor of retaining a low density residential (4.0) future land use designation on S. Cherry St.

Storm water Drainage. Garry Sauner asked for a report on progress made after several homeowners met in August to discuss this subject at Kathy Doherty's home.

Bob Donaldson reported he had taken care of all the action items assigned to him. Bob removed the cracked slate, put in two stones, and as an extra measure chose to repair the back gate to Helga Johnson's patio. Bob mentioned the slate was not broken by runoff water but by workmen. These were the same workmen who installed a brick courtyard at 110 Tollgate Way. The damage happened when they were asked by the owner of 112 Tollgate Way to remove a wooden fence in her patio area. Bob mentioned his wife, Cindy, had sprayed bleach on the brick in the alley behind 110 Tollgate Way, killing the mold there.

Ed Bronikowski stated he would officially submit a detailed report on the actions he had been assigned to the Landscape Committee. A cursory rundown of his remarks follows: Ed met with Helen Reinecke-Wilt, engineering principal planner in Environmental Services for the City of Falls Church. He approached Newborg Drainage and Landscaping Co. in Arlington, Virginia for information about rain gardens and water drainage. Ed also contacted Mr. Greg Budnik, a certified hydrologist who charges \$200/hour for work with condominium, apartment, and homeowner associations. A walkthrough of Tollgate properties might take a minimum of three hours to conduct. Digital photographs would be taken and a detailed audio recording would be made. Additionally, Ed spoke with Mr. Dave Eckert and Ms. Mia Muolino whom have a variety of free information sources regarding urban storm water runoff.

New Business:

Homeowners Annual Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to occur on Sunday, November 13th at 5 pm. A location will have to be determined. There will be one vacancy to fill on the Board for next year. The Treasurer was asked to prepare a proposed 2006 annual budget for Board Members to see at the next Board meeting before Homeowners review / approve it at the Sunday, November 13th Homeowners Annual Meeting.

Next Board Meeting: The next board meeting will be held at 9 am on Saturday, November 5, at Chuck Connor's house.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 am.