

TOLLGATE ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

October 17, 1993

The meeting convened at 6:05 p.m. at President Magness' home. (See printed agenda in the meeting file.) The Board was joined by Jackie Brett, representing the Landscaping and Grounds Committee, to present the committee's views on the landscaping proposals received. M. Kelliher, J. Bond and W. Zitzmann made telephone calls to various firms; the committee met with seven companies. Four submitted proposals (one only having been received the day before).

The bids are contained in the Tollgate Secretary's files as Bidder A (Basic) and (Deluxe), Bidder B, Bidder C, and Bidder D (the one just received). Treasurer Regan prepared an extensive comparative analysis of the first 4 (see files). Bids A (Deluxe) and C are roughly the same and Bids A (Basic) and B are, as well, with Bid D apparently in between in terms of price and services offered. On snow removal, G. Knight will contact the George Mason High School principal or athletic director to try to line up some dependable teenagers to do the work, since this was just offered as an optional part of each bid at an exorbitant cost. The item was deferred until another meeting (scheduled for October 25), when the new Bidder D could be evaluated -- and after President Magness could ask each of the four bidders to give him cost estimates on the same levels of service for each item (e.g., 24 lawnmowings, etc.), so the Board is comparing exact things. Once these are obtained, the Board would sit down with Don Frady to discuss the offerings.

The minutes were approved with the spelling of Van Megers' name corrected.

Old Business: Lamp posts -- Dale Lumber offered an acceptable solution: they offered to splice a 4x4 treated "cap" onto the bottom of the existing poles. The present poles cannot be found; they open longitudinally with a hollowed out area for the internal wires. The pole in front of the Beyers' had to be restored as termites had eaten it from the inside out. Magness did survey the other existing poles. Five have to be repaired now: 101, 124, 131, 127 and the Beyers'. The Gordon Lumber proposal is to have the electrician come in on October 20 to disconnect the power, to take down 101, 131 and 124 and to reinstall the Beyers' and Magness'. Then to reinstall the other three when they have been repaired with the "cap." The estimate is \$400 apiece (maximum). The remaining seven poles on the street will be replaced next year. G. Knight moved to give the President authority to have the bases of all the poles treated for termites. The motion was seconded and approved. B. Regan moved that the worst five poles be capped with wood preservative 4x4 caps and the contract be signed with the electrician for a cost not to exceed \$200.

President Magness announced he had appointed E. Frady, M. Zitzmann, and Helga Johnson to the Social Committee. The Committee has called for the Tollgate Christmas party to be on Sunday, December 5. President Magness was urged to contact the attorney as had been authorized. Knight said he had checked with

his broker, who gives pro bono advice to non-profits, on possible vehicles to invest the \$5,000 reserve fund authorized at the last meeting.

New business: The Board has received two requests for financial assistance in removing/trimming trees. The first was in the backyard of the Menes'. The Board refused to offer assistance, since it was in the backyard and a homeowner's insurance is designed to cover any possible damage caused by such a tree so located. The last tree was the pine(s) behind 125, on which R. Kahn was supposed to check with the homeowner concerning homeowner coverage of the damage. In her absence, the matter was deferred. The President announced he would soon pass out a Tollgate newsletter containing information on recycling, including the Holiday Season trash pickups.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.