

Minutes of the Tollgate Association Board Meeting
Saturday, October 2, 2004

Attending:

Tom Smolinski, Garry Sauner, Bill Arthur, Bob Donaldson

Location:

Home of Garry Sauner

Meeting time:

Meeting began 9:04.

Treasurer's Report:

The association has a net worth of \$15,072. This will be reduced by \$1,885 for gutter cleaning in November, said Treasurer Bob Donaldson. Other matters such as lampposts and drainage fixes may reduce the figure as well.

Landscape Committee report:

Chairman Kathy Doherty reported that there is only one bidder for correcting the drainage problem behind homes on the north side of the street: Merrifield Garden Center, which bid \$7,488.

President Tom Smolinski said he had spoken with a city official who had checked and found the drain behind the homes is clear. The city official said the city owns the pipeline along the street, and he would research whether the city has an easement for the pipes running behind the houses. It is possible they should be enlarged from 6- or 8-inch diameter to 12 or 15. The question is, who pays?

The board checked the plat for Tollgate Way, which says there is a pipeline running under the affected alley. It may be that by adding new drains, or scoops, behind 114 and 102 water can be diverted to the underground pipe, alleviating the erosion problem. Tom Smolinski will check again with city officials to determine ownership and whether the plat is still accurate. The board will then have a better idea of options.

Kathy Doherty also recommended plans for ensuring that Tollgate plants get adequate water. Short-term, she suggested that residents be asked to place a hose at their front connection so that landscape committee members could use it to water community plants. The board decided to send a letter to affected homeowners notifying them of the need to water plants in their areas.

Long term, Kathy suggested the association think about installing a sprinkler system. The board figured that this will be expensive but deserves investigating. Bob Donaldson, chairman

of the tree committee, said he would look into the cost and report back.

Regarding low spots where some grading and top soil may be needed, the board took no action regarding the area between 125 and 127. Garry Sauner volunteered to buy sod and install it in an area between 119 and 121 to see if that will cure the problem. Merrifield had offered solutions costing about \$1,000 for each area.

The board delayed action on the bed in front of 110 and 112. The board felt it needed to get a better idea of the cost of more urgent projects before tackling this issue.

Finally, Gail Phillips asked if any aerating or mulching is planned for lawns on the street. The board will check into the terms of the contract with the landscaping company to see if this can be done and at what cost, if any.

Tree Committee

Chairman Bob Donaldson said most trees on the street need more watering. Because many of them are close to the street or houses or sidewalks, they don't get as much water through the soil as they need, and residents need to be aware of this.

Bob said Merrifield will plant holly trees behind 116 to replace others trees that were removed. The owners of 116 are paying for these trees.

Social Committee:

No report. The board expressed appreciation to Chairman Ella Lyons and all who helped with the party on Sept. 26, which was well-attended and was a fine event.

Architecture Committee:

All the driveways have now been resurfaced. Treasurer Bob Donaldson will be sending bills to residents who had extra repair work done.

Unfinished Business:

King's Mason is on the street fixing brick work for those who requested it. The work includes fixing the walkway at 100. The cost, estimated at \$3,360 to 4,240, will be split with the homeowner as much of the walkway is on common property. That will be the only community brick work to be done at this time.

Lampposts: The board authorized Bob Donaldson to buy two new fixtures for the lampposts at 108 and 109 that have been replaced. The board also discussed replacing all lampposts, as many aren't in good shape. The board authorized Bob to buy a new black, aluminum lamppost to be shown, along with one of the new

fixtures, to residents at the annual meeting Nov. 14. Whether to replace all the lampposts will be an item for discussion at that meeting.

Annual meeting: The board is still looking for a location.

New Business:

The board discussed concern expressed by some residents that the number of rentals on the street be limited. This would most likely require a change in the by-laws. The board said the matter isn't a pressing concern at this time as it knows of only two rentals.

Next meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 11:03. The board meets next on Nov. 6 at Bill Arthur's house.