

Tollgate Association – Minutes for November 11, 1998 Board Meeting

The regular board meeting of Tollgate Homeowners Association directors was held November 11, 1998, at the home of Jack Johnson, at 7:40 p.m. Present were Tony D'Erme, Jack Johnson, Edie Smolinski and Marge Zitzmann. Absent was Mary Klappa.

There were no minutes available from the October meeting. Edie will ask Mary for them.

President Edie Smolinski called on Treasurer Tony D'Erme, who gave the attached Treasurer's Report. \$2,477 remains in the checking account for the 1998 year, after Living Colour is paid. Most of the remaining funds are in the maintenance budget.

Jack Johnson gave a report on the lampposts and brick masonry. (attached) A discussion ensued over lampposts with no recommendation made at this time. Companies bidding on masonry work were Thoroughbred and Curtis Brown. Tony D'Erme (#103) and Jack and Nancy Johnson (#106) will go with Curtis Brown, and pay for their work (steps and walls, respectively). The work at Powells (#107) will be done by Curtis Brown, and paid for by the Association (on common ground; \$75.00), (board consensus). Thoroughbred failed to give separate quotes for the steps, walkway and parking pad for #123 (Kahn's). The cost of the parking pad and walkway would be split 50-50 between Association and the Kahns. The steps would be paid for by the Kahns. Curtis Brown felt the base for the parking pad at #123 was not done correctly and his bid was only for the steps. He will not do the driveway base, but would bid on the walkway and parking pad if the base is completed correctly by another company.

Tony D'Erme gave the landscaping committee report. Jack moved that the Bradford pear at #114 be taken down (it's splitting and cannot be saved, according to Guardian Tree). Marge seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the motion. Tony will get a price from Economy Tree and a replacement for that tree will be decided at a future meeting, upon recommendations of landscaping committee. (Funds to cover costs, if from '98 budget, would be from Maintenance.) Landscaping is slightly over budget; further recommendations from Beth Lawless for landscaping to improve Tollgate, but not requested by homeowners, were not decided on, but left for the next Board to consider.

Edie mentioned that Nancy Beyer had asked for a consideration of a by-law change, that both the Architectural Review Committee and the Board should give approval for a structural change at Tollgate. Referred to new board.

Marge moved, and Jack seconded the motion that Jack get a quote on the price of roof repaid for the gazebo. Wet boards indicate a leak at this time. Motion unanimously approved.

Jack shared some lamppost designs from Walpole Woodworkers; no decision was made, but he suggested perhaps buying four new lamps and lampposts at a time, for a period of four years.

The two-year proposal and contract with Living Colour for landscaping was unanimously approved. A comparison to the other bidder, Curb Appeal, prepared by Tony D'Erme, helped the decision, but Tony suggested that in the future, we write what we would like a firm to do in the way of landscaping, and ask for specific, detailed bids, to make the comparison easier. Although the 1998 board approved the proposal, it was decided to pass this on to the 1999 board for their approval, and action.

Tony expressed a concern about what would happen insurance-wise when and if our common property were damaged, since our insurance is just liability. Joe Romer would be asked to look into this.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Smolinski, President, for Mary Klappa, Secretary