

**TOLLGATE ASSOCIATION  
FALLS CHURCH, VA 22046**

**Minutes of the Tollgate Association Board Meeting  
Saturday, November 6, 2004**

**Attending:**

Tom Smolinski, Bill Arthur, Bob Donaldson, Ella Lyons, Kathy Doherty.

**Location:**

Home of Bill Arthur

**Meeting time:**

Meeting began 9:07.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The association has a net worth of \$12,248. This will be reduced by \$1885 to pay for the fall gutter cleanings.

The board agreed to add \$550 to the lawn maintenance contract for aerating and seeding. The board decided to reduce the tree pruning budget by \$550 to cover the aerating and seeding.

The board discussed other projects that may involve tapping some of the reserve fund. First, there is the drainage problem behind homes on the north side of Tollgate Way. After discussions with city officials, we have determined that the property involved is all ours, and the responsibility for a fix is ours. That also gives us the freedom to come up with our own solution. Bob Donaldson agreed to seek bids to dig a new drain west of the current drain to catch some of the water that now causes such a problem.

The board also discussed replacing the street lamps and how to do it: all at once, or over time. This will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting Nov. 14. The cost could be as high as \$12,340, with more than half that being labor, unless we do some of the installing ourselves or hire Bob Donaldson to do it. Bob said, however, it would take him many months to get it done compared with contractors who would come in with a crew and do the job in a few days.

**Landscape Committee report:**

Garry Sauner leveled the mound between 117 and 121.

Committee Chairman Kathy Doherty, Treasurer Bob Donaldson and the board discussed the need for watering trees on the street. Bob said he had discussed sprinkler systems with a couple of contractors, and the cost would be about \$45,000, but could be reduced by scaling back the system. Still, this is quite expensive and might require a special assessment and/or financing. The board agreed to bring the matter up at the annual meeting Nov. 14. It will be made clear to the membership that watering the trees is important. If people are diligent about this, we might well be able to do without sprinklers.

#### Tree Committee

Chairman Bob Donaldson said Merrifield Garden Center replaced, for free, the tree that died in front of 105.

#### Social Committee:

Chairman Ella Lyons said she is seeking a home for the Christmas Party Dec. 12.

#### Architecture Committee:

No report.

#### Unfinished Business:

See items mentioned under treasurer's report above. Also, the nominating committee is still looking for candidates for the board to be elected at the annual meeting.

Tom Smolinski said he had put out some rat poison at the east end of the street.

#### New Business:

Tom Smolinski, reporting on some old business revived, said the renewal project for Cherry Street next to the Tollgate properties appears to have failed. One of the Cherry Street residents died, and the heirs want to sell the property now rather than do the renewal.

#### Next meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 10:47. The board meets next on Dec. 4 at Tom Smolinski's house.