

Tollgate Association Board Meeting

Date and Time: May 5th, 2012 at 9 am

Location: 102 Tollgate Way (Melhem residence)

Attending: Ed Hahn, Luke Knittig, Margaret Melhem, Bob Donaldson, Marie Murray, Garry Sauner and Jim Hogle

1. The April 2012 meeting minutes were approved by the Board without change. They are available online at: <http://tollgateway.org/Board/minutes-3-31-12.pdf>

2. Treasurer's Report:

2012 Budget - http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_budget.pdf

Net Worth as of 5/3/2012 - http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_net_worth.pdf

Expenses 2012 as of 5/3/2012 - http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_expenses.pdf

3. Committee Reports:

- Social – Association Spring Social will be on Sunday, May 6 from 2-5:00 pm. It will be held on the parking pad between #106 and #108. Good weather is forecast.
- Landscape – Spring lawn maintenance has commenced. Weed killer was applied to the grass, bushes were sprayed, and yards were aerated and seeded. There was no grass cutting this past week due to re-seeding last week.

The landscaper placed fill, seed, and straw over the eroded area behind #107 (Powell residence).

It was noted that the area next to #107 is a pass-through area for non-Tollgate residents. The Board discussed whether and how to prevent this foot traffic.

Request from Kahn's to remove several bushes in their yard. The bushes will be transplanted to #114 (Sauner residence).

Work to remove English ivy from the neighborhood is ongoing.

Upcoming: Working with Melhem's on landscaping in front yard. The Landscape committee is still considering spring and summer projects.

- Trees – Planted Yoshino Cherry tree at #107. Working to determine pruning needs around the neighborhood.

- Architecture – Two requests: 1) Replace wooden foundation louvers with brick at #114. 2) Replace front storm door, back door, and sliding door leading to balcony at #124 (Murray residence). Both requests have been approved.
- Maintenance – The Board approved work for maintenance on the front fence iron and brick work. In total, the Board obtained three estimates for welding work, two estimates for wire brushing/fence painting, and two estimates for brick repointing. The cost for the welding work, wirebrushing/fence painting, and brick repointing, will be \$980, \$460, and \$1,260, respectively.

4. Old Business:

- Pest Control Status -- Rat activity seems to be localized to several areas within the neighborhood. Bait stations will continue to be checked and re-baited on a monthly basis.
- Tollgate Way (Dead End) Signage Update – The City plans to replace the current street sign (Tollgate Way/Broad St.) with a larger font sign. Below this sign, but on the same pole, will be an additional sign that reads ‘No Outlet’ that faces East/West, in contrast to the original, and less visible, diamond signs that faced out.
- 2013 Dues – A \$100 dues increase is proposed for 2013 as a result of the dues analysis undertaken by the Board earlier this year. No action will be taken before the Annual Meeting in the autumn and there will be ample opportunity to discuss the issue with the entire community prior to that time.

5. New Business:

- Tollgate Fare Articles – April Tollgate fare delivered to homes and posted online at: <http://tollgateway.org/newsletter/2012-4.pdf>
- Basketball Hoop – A proposal for a street-friendly neighborhood basketball hoop was presented to the Board. The Board will socialize the proposal to determine support and gather ideas for guidelines/logistics.
- Audit -- No audit of the Association finances has been carried out for several years and the Treasurer suggested at the last Board meeting that one would be in order. Since then, Ed Hahn and Margaret Melhem worked with Bob

Donaldson to conduct the needed audit. The audit, which included a review of bank statements, receipts, and other records, was conducted for 2010 and 2011. No notable issues were flagged during the review. The Board has decided to conduct an annual review going forward. Additionally, the Board will research standards for the storage and disposal of the Association's financial records.

The next Board meeting will be held on May 31, 2012 at the Knittig home (#115) at 7:30 pm. The June meeting is the last scheduled meeting until September. The Board meeting concluded at 10:15 am.