

Tollgate Association
May 9, 2009 Board Meeting

Date and Time: May 9, 2009 at 9:00 am

Location: 118 Tollgate Way (Donaldson residence)

Attending: Bob Donaldson, Paul Ehmer, Eric Kirschner, Philippe Casteuble, Marie Murray, Garry Sauner

1. April 2009 Board minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report (Bob D.) -- Net cash flow for April was -\$3,507. Current net worth is \$28,050.
3. Landscape (Murray M.) – Committee meeting was held this past week. Most residents are happy about with Ramiro Landscaping. A question was raised regarding damage to lawns from dogs urinating in the same spot. A camellia will be placed in front of #108. Outstanding separate requests from the Melhams, D'Erme, and Kayes were discussed.
4. Tree Committee (Bob D.) -- Two new trees, were planted – one in front of #127/#129 and a cedar behind the Casteubles that will need to be moved. The Melhams are concerned about a tree behind their unit (#102). Bob D. inspected it and determined it was healthy. Finally, there is an informal request from #106 for perimeter trees from #106 to #100 which has been referred to the Board for discussion along with other outstanding issues regarding maintenance of common areas. A Gator bag will be placed on the new tree in front of #127.
5. Architecture Committee (Garry S.) – One outstanding request from #108 for new siding and outdoor lighting. Marie Murray has volunteered to serve on the Architecture Committee.
6. Social Committee (Philippe C.) -- The Social Committee circulated a survey and received some responses. An e-mail will be circulated this weekend regarding the spring social.
7. Maintenance Committee (Bob D.) -- Discussion of failure of outdoor landscape timer. Bob D. inspected the timer and discovered that there were “millions of ants” inside the timer. He sprayed the timer and cleaned it up, but it is still inoperable. Bob D. bypassed the timer wires and is presently using a circuit breaker to turn the lights on/off. He will contact the company to see if the timer can be serviced.

The drain outside of #109 is still clogged. The next step will be to get a plumber to clean out the pipe. Ed B. examined one of the extra streetlamps and was able to – after considerable work – to tighten the candelabra fixture.

8. Old Business – The City has not yet taken any action on Tollgate's request regarding no parking on the north side of Tollgate Way. Garry S. personally met with City individuals

in order to attempt to get a response. The request is presently in the Engineering Department. The Department does not believe that the No Parking From Here To Corner sign by #101 should be moved closer to the driveway. Presently, the City Engineering Dept. is inclined to add a sign above the presently installed Children at Play sign by #108 and a second directional arrow to the No Parking sign by #100. The request to disallow parking on the north side of Tollgate is expected to be forwarded to the next City office this month for further action. The present status of the request will be discussed in the next Tollgate newsletter.

Discussion of residents (and non-residents) stopping their cars by the Tollgate entrance awaiting the school bus drop off. Bob D. will raise the issue with the individuals involved.

Garry S. has approached five companies regarding rodent control (he received three estimates: Connor's Pest Control, Western Pest Services, and Terminix). He has some concern over the legality of placing rat poison down Tollgate manhole covers and recommends against this approach. Garry S. reviewed the estimates with the Board. Total cost of the contracts ranged from approximately \$1,250 to just over \$3,000 (with applicable discounts). The Board elected to retain Connor's Pest Control after clarifying what kinds of guarantees they can provide. The newsletter will include a discussion of the rat control program.

Eric K. circulated a summary of adverse possession law and a draft letter to John Mallon reminding him that his use of the bump-out behind #104 is with the express permission of the Tollgate HOA. The letter will go out under Garry S.'s signature.

Discussion of whether the bump-out permission should be revoked as requested by Mark K. The consensus of the Board was to not revoke the bump-out at the present time.

Marie M. is researching sign possibilities for the Broad St. gazebo.

Garry S. spoke to various City officials regarding the re-paving of Tollgate and has been assured that it will be done this June. The Board will need to contact all Tollgate homeowners informing them of the repaving so that they do not park on the street.

Garry S. will ask Bert to approach Dulin Methodist Church to ascertain if there is a process by which Tollgate residents/guests can use their parking lot at times.

The City also indicated to Garry S. that they will repair the Broad St. sidewalk before late-June.

9. New Business -- Steve L's car has been parked at the end of Tollgate again -- Bob D. will ask Steve to move the car.

The Board discussed the usage of the common parking areas. The City has stated that it will take no action against vehicles parked indefinitely in these areas. The Board discussed that it could -- theoretically -- take action against improperly parked/abandoned cars under the original Tollgate covenants.

The next board meeting will be June 6, 2009, 9 am at #114 Tollgate (Sauner residence).

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Submitted by: Eric Kirschner, Secretary