

**Tollgate Association
June 2011 Board Meeting**

Date and Time: June 4, 2011 at 9:00 am

Location: 115 Tollgate Way (Knittig residence)

Attending: Jim Hogle, Bob Donaldson, Luke Knittig, Garry Sauner, Marie Murray

1. The May board meeting minutes were approved with no changes. They are now posted on our website <http://www.tollgateway.org/>.
2. Treasurer's Report – Expenses for the quarter to date were \$7,842.89. The largest expenses were \$2,330 for Lawn Maintenance and \$1,500 for tree removal. Current assets are \$40,553.38. Outstanding liabilities are \$21,220.88, which includes \$16,310 for the landscape contract and \$2,750 for the pruning contract. The Association's current net worth is \$21, 220.88. Overall everything is on track for the year.
3. Committee Reports –
 - Social Committee –Thank you to Cindy & Bob Donaldson for hosting the Social and to Wynn Hogle for being Chair of the Social Committee! Beautiful evening and lovely event! We are still looking for additional help for the committee. There was a discussion concerning the Fall Social, which we expect to be a grilling event out on the parking pad between 106-108 and have some kids' activities.
 - Landscape Committee – The committee requested and received an extensive report from Ramiro providing the details of the chemicals and fertilizers used on the grass and shrubs in the public areas, as well as the schedule for their applications. The safety sheets regarding the chemicals will be posted on the Tollgate website. The landscape committee has the full report. Please contact Marie Murray if you are interested. The committee will meet soon to make further decisions regarding work on the area near #101. The Rivkins at #100 have requested that the nearby ivy be removed. There was also a discussion reminding everyone that ANY planting on Tollgate property MUST be approved by the landscape committee.
 - Tree Committee - Seven new trees have now been planted: a Princeton elm at #125; three cedars behind #125/127; a white dogwood near the gazebo; two American hollies in front of #101.

- Architecture Committee – The committee approved the request by the Smolinskis (#135) to redo their roof. The committee encourages homeowners with existing cedar shake roofs to maintain that colonial appearance in our community.
- Maintenance Committee – The committee is looking into power washing the wall in front of #100/#101 to remove the extensive moss. The committee will get an estimate to see if it can be done within the existing budget. There is a broken street light at the end of the cul-de-sac. A moving van damaged the light fixture while moving the Hahn's into #127. The movers have accepted responsibility and the committee has a replacement which the movers will pay for. (It is the last spare and the company no longer makes this design.)

4. Old Business -

- Visitor Parking – There is still a division of opinion among homeowners. There are a total of 14 visitor spaces. The discussion emphasized that designated visitor parking would not be restricted to visitors, homeowners could still use it. There was a suggestion to use a light grey paint that would not stand out brightly, but would still delineate visitor spaces. The board will look into using a washable paint for a mock-up. The board decided to defer the matter until September and discuss at the Fall Social with the community at large.
- Signage – “Tollgate” neighborhood sign – The idea of a sign came from several homeowners. There is still a division of opinion within the community. A majority appears to be in favor, but a strong minority is decidedly opposed. The board decided to defer the issue until the Fall and encourage further discussion within the community. Some material will be available at the Fall Social to promote the discussion. There will be a proposal presented for the annual meeting.
- Cracking in Powell's (#117) wall – They located a structural engineer to examine the cracks and house in general. He will be providing a written report, but the short response was that there was no sinking of the house or foundation. The cracks seemed to be a result of the kind of expansion/shrinkage of the wooden wall joints, which is common in townhouse construction of the age/era of Tollgate. It is mostly cosmetic and will just need to be repaired from time to time. The engineer seemed very knowledgeable about residential and townhouse construction. The Powells will add his name to the list of Tollgate contractors.

5. New Business –

- Flashing Yellow Sign on 500 Broad Street – There is a concern that this could impact the safety of cars exiting Tollgate. It will also affect the appearance of Falls Church. The current plan is for there to be eleven of these signs up and down Broad Street. The board made two attempts to contact city officials to clarify the location and shape of the sign. The board agreed that we need to attend the public hearing when it is held. The board should have standing at such a hearing.
 - Welcome to Ed & Beth Hahn at #127.
 - A new residential directory has now been posted on the website.
 - Looking for a new board member to succeed Luke Knittig next year.
6. The meeting adjourned at 10:30. There are no board meetings anticipated during July or August. The next board meeting will be at 7 PM on September 1st at home of Jim Hogle (#110).