

## Minutes of the Tollgate Association Board Meeting

Saturday, June 5, 2004

### Attending:

Tom Smolinski, Ella Lyons, Garry Sauner, Chuck Conner, Bill Arthur, Kathy Doherty

### Location:

Home of Garry Sauner

### Meeting time:

Meeting began 9:10.

### Treasurer's Report:

The association has a net worth of \$18,392.63. Recent expenses include \$2,140.00 for scraping and painting the front fence and \$177.61 for the progressive dinner.

### Landscape report:

Kathy Doherty, who is taking over chairmanship of the committee, said it needs members, as she is the only one at this point. She suggested it be merged into the architecture committee. Garry Sauner, who heads the architecture committee, said he thought the jobs of the two committees were different and should be kept separate.

Tom Smolinski said he would serve on the landscape committee. Ella Lyons said she would solicit members. In the meantime, the board of directors said they would approve landscape committee decisions.

Doherty forwarded a request from the residents at 123 about a missing boxwood plant and perhaps disease on at least one other plant. The board authorized the purchase of one or two new boxwoods to correct the problem. The board referred to the tree committee a decision on what, if anything, should be done about the tree at 123 by the parking pad. Low branches prohibit the residents from parking their SUV there. Yet, cutting the branches would make the tree lopsided, and members questioned whether it was necessary to replace a healthy tree.

Doherty said she and former landscape committee chair Terry Zawacki would replace plants at the entrance to Tollgate that were damaged by the recent Verizon cable laying. Verizon owes the street a plant, she said.

Tree Committee:

Chairman Bob Donaldson said he hoped to have a decision this month on replacing white pines behind 118 and will work with the landscape committee on the project.

Social Committee:

No report.

Architecture Committee:

Chairman Garry Sauner is looking at entrance signs for similar neighborhoods in the area with an idea of putting one up at the entrance to Tollgate. This might serve as an added deterrent to random drivers turning into the street without realizing it is a cul-de-sac. The board discussed rotting sides of the front porch at 107. The board suggested that the renters there be encouraged to write the owners to notify them of the situation so they can fix it.

Unfinished Business:

The board approved the expenditure of an additional \$1,000 for the repair of some driveways when the resurfacing project proceeds, which should be within a couple of weeks. The additional cost is the association's share of repairs on driveways that need it.

Tom Smolinski said he had done some repairs on the street lights and all are working. One post needs replacing, and he will work on that. A replacement post is on hand.

Gutters: The company that was to have cleaned gutters went out of business. A new company will do the work for \$1,700, compared with the previous company's bid of \$1,350, Smolinski said. The board agreed to hire the company for the job. If the work is satisfactory, the association may then enter into an annual contract.

Brick work: Kings Masonry has done estimates for the work for residents who want it. They should expect to hear from the company soon, Smolinski said.

Verizon has completed its digging on street to install new cable.

New Business:

The board decided to write a letter to Falls Church city planners accepting their offer of a new sign or signs at the

entrance of Tollgate Way saying, ``Dead End - No Through Traffic.'' The city will work with residents to place signs so that drivers can easily see them. The hope is this more explicit sign will deter drivers seeking a cut-through off Broad Street. The board decided, for now, not to accept the city's offer to paint a crosswalk at the entrance to Tollgate Way on grounds it might be unsightly and not deter any traffic.

Next meeting:

The board will not meet in July and will meet next on August 7 at Ella Lyons's house.