

Tollgate Association  
**Minutes of September 6, 2008 Board Meeting**

**Date and Time:** September 6, 2008 at 9:00 am

**Location:** 129 Tollgate Way (Lyons residence)

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

1. June 2008 Board minutes approved.
2. Treasurer's Report (Bob D.) -- Net cash flow for June – August was -3,057.94. Current net worth is \$16,251.75.

Monthly electrical bills have declined from about \$60 per month to about \$21 with the replacement of the incandescent bulbs with the compact fluorescent bulbs. Bob also noted that even though Dominion Electric denied that there was any problem with the neighborhood's electric service, there have been no issues with the service since his letter was sent earlier this summer.

The Board decided that two lights would be placed on the gazebo side of Tollgate to uplight the gazebo.

Ed Bronikowski requested a number of action items related to the streetlights. The \$40 request for compact fluorescent bulbs was approved.

The Board discussed repair of the gazebo light which was vandalized over the summer. The Board considered whether to replace the light or to partially repair the existing light and move it higher in the gazebo – it was decided to remove the light's glass panels and raise the lamp a bit.

3. Architecture Committee (Garry S.) – Helga J. requested that her front porch trim be approved for repainting (same color). The request was approved and work has been completed.

Garry S. met with Robert Goff of the city regarding the installation of a streetlight across from Tollgate. Garry's impression was that the city would approve and pay for the installation.

The City will also be repairing portions of the Tollgate sidewalks during October.

4. Landscape (Bob D.) – Bob D. reported that there has been little activity with regard to landscaping. Bob has done a walk thru with McFall & Berry pointing out some vines growing into the trees – vines were removed.

Bob D. and Gayle Phillips contacted a number of landscape companies to solicit bids for landscaping. Gayle received a bid from Ramiro Law Service which is run by a former Flores supervisor. The bid amount of \$20,200 is comparable to the present contract and the Board decided that the proposal should be further explored. Paul E. would like to review external references before making the decision.

Marie will meet with Merrifield Gardening to review the condition of the spring plantings.

Philippe asked whether a second tree behind his property would be replaced – Bob D. indicated that it would probably be done in the spring.

5. Maintenance Committee (Bob D.) -- Discussion of lights was done under the Treasurer's Report. A question was raised regarding the condition of the front wall at Tollgate. Steve L. will follow-up with Tom S.
6. Tree Committee (Bob D.) -- The new trees appear to be doing well. One older tree – an oak between #127 and #129 – appears to be having some difficulty. Bob D. believes that the oak should be replaced and recommends removing it as part of the fall pruning and putting in a new tree in the spring. Bob D. will get an estimate for removal.
7. Social Committee -- Ella L. distributed invitations to the fall golf social/tournament on September 21.
8. Old Business – Lighting has been previously discussed. Steve L. will follow-up with Tom S. regarding whether the “No Parking to Corner” sign can be moved back approximately 15 feet to the #103 driveway and the having th curb painted yellow.
9. New Business -- The proposed 2009 budget will be prepared by Bob D. and be presented at the October Board meeting.

Yesterday during tropical storm Hanna, the owner of #103 Cherry St. ran two hoses from the water cistern discharge spigots on the property, under the fence dividing #103 and Tollgate, and into the Tollgate drainage system.

Marie raised two issues. One, the spigots were moved further onto #103 so that the cistern run-off would discharge onto #103. Two, the cisterns were not supposed to discharge during a storm (but rather only after a storm). The Chesapeake Bay Water Authority – which required the installation of the cisterns – had represented to Tollgate that the cisterns would release onto #103 and only after the conclusion of the storm. Bob will talk to the #103 owners.

The annual meeting will be the second Sunday of November. Steve L.'s term will expire at the end of the year and the Board will need a new Board member.

The next board meeting will be in October 4, 2008, 9 am at #108 Tollgate (Kirschner residence).

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Submitted by: Eric Kirschner, Secretary