

## Tollgate Association Board Meeting

**Date and Time:** September 8th, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** 131 Tollgate Way (Hogle residence)

**Attending:** Ed Hahn, Margaret Melhem, Marie Murray, Garry Sauner and Jim Hogle

1. Approved previous meeting minutes: <http://tollgateway.org/board/minutes-5-31-12.pdf>

2. Treasurer's Report:

[http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012\\_expenses.pdf](http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_expenses.pdf)

[http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012\\_net\\_worth.pdf](http://tollgateway.org/budget/2012_net_worth.pdf)

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The Board discussed several expenses including:

(1) Tree removal following the storm on June 29th: Since one tree was partially blocking the street and fully blocking the driveway at #108, the Board hired The Greenery in order to expedite tree removal.

(2) Street lights: New replacement bulbs were purchased.

3. Committee Reports:

- Social – The Fall Social is scheduled for Sep 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 2-5:00 p.m, and will be held on the parking pad between #106 and #108.
- Landscaping –
  - After weighing many factors, the Committee decided not to remove the magnolia tree between #106 and #108. The health of the tree will be reassessed next spring.
  - Landscaping work was performed at #102 including the removal of some bushes and planting of sod. Additional work will be performed in the fall.
  - Homeowners at #119 (Ochsendorf residence) expressed concern over the need and timing of chemical spray applications to the grass. The Committee appreciated their concern and has requested that whenever possible pesticides not be sprayed on Friday's to reduce impact on weekend activities.
  - There have been preliminary discussions about tree replacement in front of #108 and #110. There are many factors to consider in determining the kind of tree that will be planted. The Committee will work to ensure a

balanced decision is made, and will obtain the necessary approval from the City for any replacement tree selected.

- The Committee has begun preparations for fall planting. Given budgetary concerns and competing priorities, fall plantings will likely be diminished this year.
- Beginning in 2013, there will be a new landscaping contract. The Committee will be seeking bids soon. Cost will be a key factor in determining the winning bid.
- Special thanks to Steve Lyons and Jim Hogle for helping to clean up after the Derecho storm on June 29th.

- Trees –

- **Arlington Street Tree Assessment Report.** Arlington County recently published a study done by Virginia Tech on the benefits and value of the county's street trees. The study puts a monetary value on the trees in terms of absorption of excess rainfall, sequestration of carbon dioxide, lower energy costs from shade, etc. It calculates an annual monetary value per tree and a replacement value. By extrapolating the data in this report to the Tollgate community, it indicates that our community trees contribute an annual benefit of \$18,448 and have a replacement value of \$306,250. This puts the value per tree at about \$1,750 each. Here is a link to the report:

<http://urbanforestry.frec.vt.edu/streets/reports/ArlingtonReport.pdf>

- Architecture – No new business.
- Maintenance – No new business.

#### 4. Old Business:

- Pest Control Status – One bait station moved to Melhem residence to address rat activity in that area. We expect activity in the neighborhood to decrease as the weather gets cooler.
- Tollgate Way (dead end) signage update – A new 'No Outlet' sign has been affixed to the top of the Tollgate Way/Broad Street signs. The old street signs will be replaced with new ones soon.
- Maintenance items update –
  - Wrought iron work on the front wall has been completed, but no payment has been made on the painting portion of the contract due to the poor quality of work. An effort will be made to find another contractor to apply another coat of paint.
  - Masonry work on the front wall will likely be performed next year. The Maintenance Committee is collecting bids for the work.

- Hoop Ball –Luke Knittig and Ed Hahn developed a set of draft guidelines for the use of netball hoops to address concerns voiced at the last meeting. Ed presented the following guidelines:

- (1) Portable netball hoops will only be allowed if they are stored out of sight when not in regular use and may not be placed on the sidewalk.
- (2) Portable netball hoops must be removed from view each day by no later than dusk and may not be brought out for use prior to 9:00 a.m. Equipment should be stored in garages or courtyards and not in common areas where it might be in the way of our Landscape crew.

Ed also suggested one additional guideline to address concerns raised over the location of the netball hoop, as follows:

- (3) Portable netball hoops are allowed in driveways and on the parking pads between #106 and #108 and between #117 and #121.

5. New Business:

- Residents are reminded to follow the [Tollgate Parking Policy](#) when utilizing visitor parking spaces. Specifically, residents should maximize utilization of their own garage, driveway and parking pad before using community parking.
- Residents are also reminded of Article X, #2 and #16 in the Covenants as follows:
  - (1) No clothing, laundry or wash shall be aired or dried on any portion of The Properties in an area other than in the rear yards of the Lots.
  - (2) No boats, trailers, campers, trucks or old cars not regularly used shall be parked in parking areas, driveways or on the streets of said subdivision.

6. The next meeting will be on October 6th, 2012 at the Melhem's home (#102). The board meeting concluded at 10:30 a.m.