

**Minutes of the Deer Creek Homeowners Association of Livonia
Board of Directors
Held at Diane Tsaprazis's house
May 29, 2019**

Approved 6-19-19

Present: Denny Behrendsen, Bob Moore, Terry Millis, Walt Gerstner, Marsha McLean, and Diane Tsaprazis (6)

Minutes: The minutes of our April 9, 2019 Annual Meeting were reviewed and 4 changes were made. These minutes remain a draft until they are approved at our 2020 Annual Meeting. The Board meeting minutes of March 5, 2019 were approved with one change.

Treasurer's Report: Terry distributed our checkbook spreadsheet and Income statement.

- We have collected \$13,825 in dues from 139 homes (a couple homes gave less than the \$100 requested) out of the 170 projected, as well as \$475 in additional donations. Being early in the year, we have only spent \$276.60 to DTE for lighting and \$351.76 in printing, postage and meeting fee in the Operating expense categories. We have spent \$1,020.19 on our new website, with \$750 paid to our web designer and \$270.19 paid to Host Gator for our domain name for 3 years and a small fee that is due annually. We spent \$2,000 repainting the Gill Road entrance signs. Our ending checkbook balance was \$14,799.79.
- Terry reported that only the bank "super user" can set up automatic payments for Metro Grounds, so Denny needs to go into the bank to make arrangements so that they can issue a check within 5 days. Terry will send an email to Steve Griffith at Metro to explain how we will pay him faster.
- Walt reported that the homeowner on the north side of the Gill entrance already trimmed the shrubs. Walt notified Metro Grounds and they will take it off our bill.

Website: Denny and our web designer, Dave Goward, talked for about three hours last night. They created a Contact Us page with email addresses for Denny and Diane that will go to a deercreeklivonia.com webmail that Denny will view through a new account he established. Our site is constructed with pages, with posts underneath. Denny knows how to add posts and pictures. Denny also has our new website backed up on his computer; Dave recommended that we save it. We have email addresses for about half our residents. We discussed sending an email recommending they look at our new site. Thank you to Denny for coordinating our new site and learning how to create posts!

Welcome Committee: We need a new Chairperson. We did not greet the 4 new families that moved in last year. We discussed recent deaths; we will make changes to our next telephone directory. We also discussed a neighbor injured in a fall at home.

Signs: The repainted signs at the Gill Road entrance have been reinstalled and look great. A homeowner told Bob he appreciates the refreshed signs and that he has also reset the GFI at 8 Mile.

Complaints:

- Bob received a call complaining about a raised garden. Anyone can call Ordinance Enforcement if drainage is changed.
- Marsha noted that an SUV parked in the street on the east side of Ellen along a curve is difficult to see around, creating a hazard for drivers and pedestrians. We will try to talk to the homeowner. Residents are encouraged to park in their driveways whenever possible.

Landscaping Operating Expenses:

- Marsha reported we received a \$1,595 bill from Saxton's for cleanup and mulch at 8 Mile, which is much more than we expected. Phlox that was planted last year at a cost of about \$400 and did not survive will be applied to planting Lantana in the center island. We will also replace some Black-eyed Susan that did not survive. Our water is not dependable at this time. We only have \$855 remaining in our budget for fall cleanup and additional flowers. Saxton's will fix some of the silver edging that rose up over the winter.
- Walt followed up with Metro Grounds regarding a complaint at the Annual Meeting about the condition of interior island #7. Chick weeds will be treated and grass seed will be applied.
- Marsha said the rock borders around the 8 Mile signs need better trimming. This task is the responsibility of the adjacent homeowners who use a landscaper that is not Metro Grounds.

Gill Entrance Landscaping: Marsha reported that Saxton's wants to know what we want to do about the retaining walls. Saxton's said the existing bushes actually look good. We discussed removing the 2 interior bushes that partially cover the signs, and seeing if the others fill in. Walt said that the neighbor to the north planted annuals to match his home plantings. Diane said the neighbor to the south recommends Bobo hydrangeas behind the sign facing her house. Walt recommended Fire Light Red Dwarf Hydrangeas. We discussed that the two sign areas do not need to match. Our main problem is that there is no irrigation system available there to support new plants. Marsha will tell Saxton's we will cut out 2 interior bushes on the south side; the ones on the north side do not encroach as much.

Garage Sale: The sale will be held June 6th – 8th. Denny reported that 10 homes have signed up thus far, and he expects about 15 in total. Walt volunteered to help post signs. Debbie Behrendsen will post our sale on 2 websites. Our long-time prior Chairperson, Pauline Kehoe, gave us signs and arrows.

Water: Denny reported he fixed a broken handle at 8 Mile. All the City's meters are in.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19th at 7 pm at Diane's house