

**Minutes of the Deer Creek Homeowners Association of Livonia
Board of Directors
Held at Diane Tsaprazis's house
November 13, 2019**

Approved January 22, 2020

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

Minutes: The minutes from 10-16-19 were approved with 3 changes.

Treasurer's Report: Terry distributed a checkbook spreadsheet and an income statement. Explanations were as follows:

- On Entrance and Interior Maintenance, we have spent \$8,078.25 of the \$8,800 budgeted. One more Metro Grounds invoice of \$320 was paid, but not shown on the report. Walt said there will be an \$80 bill for a mowing, and another for about \$400 for cutting down the grasses and picking up leaves on the interior islands, which was done on the day before we got about 8 inches of snow. Marsha explained that clean-up at 8 Mile has not yet been done by Saxton's. They were to cut down the daylilies and pull up dead stuff; we expected to spend \$400. The ornamental grasses will be cut down in the spring. If all these jobs can be completed, we will go over budget.
- Irrigation & irrigation repair: We have spent \$703.10 of our \$825 budget. We owe \$225 for sprinkler winterization, which will cause us to be over-budget.
- Holiday & Seasonal Decorations: we spent \$26.54 for fall cornstalks & scarecrows, and \$142.79 on fall flowers. Denny also bought more string lights to use if needed to repair the decorative deer.
- Dues and donations of \$16,920 have been received from 165 homes. We also have 2 more checks to deposit.
- We have not yet spent any money of the \$4,000 budgeted for the Gill Road landscaping.
- Our checkbook balance is \$8,101.17. We approved the reports.

Website: Denny reported that Dave Goward was pleased when he ran a search of HOAs in Livonia, and our name came up first. Every time we do an update, we move closer to the top when searched.

Irrigation: Walt reported that all the systems have been winterized. Rainy Dave's told us Island #2 was not completely turned off by the City. Walt told Marsha, and she called the City but they wanted our account number. The shut off may have been done based on her location description. The 8 Mile Island water is also off now. Diane gave Marsha a list of the account numbers from her file. Denny explained that the Water Dept. has 2 parts: Administration and the people that perform the field work.

Welcome Committee: Bob said there is no new activity to report. A new homeowner on Wayne Road still need to be welcomed. Marsha may be able to access a newer printer.

8 Mile Landscaping: Marsha reported that 2 trees west of Ellen have been cut down and their stumps ground by Dearborn Tree for \$600 total. The adjacent homeowners have not contacted us. Saxton's still needs to clean up the area if they are able to do it after the recent snowfall. Randy from the same company looked at the large tree on Island #4 and said it may be \$800 to cut it down. We will consider this project in 2020.

Gill Road Landscaping: Nothing has been done yet by Saxton's. They previously said they can plant anything except arborvitae if the snow melts. Marsha will let us know if they can do the work this year.

Bicentennial Entrance: There is a big pile of brush in the forest, on the east side. Denny asked the City Public Service Dept. to take a look. Marsha said the Forestry Dept. left a tree down there.

Holiday Decorations: Denny has the deer in his garage attic. Denny will call when he needs help. We are hoping for better weather so we can set up everything before Thanksgiving.

Reminder Dues Letter: Denny is considering sending out a brief letter stating what we could accomplish if homeowners paid dues. We discussed possible content. There are about 42 homes that have not paid.

Electrical Repairs: The west side sign light at 8 Mile is not working. It is not because of the GFI. It could be the LED bulb that burned out: that bulb was about \$200. Denny offered to call an electrician to fix it and do some weatherproofing.

Telephone Directory: Diane explained our publisher offered to print our directories later than the February 4th date we were first given. However, we would like the mailing to go out in early February, so we will try to complete our files by January 4th. Denny said he has all the dues coupons in alphabetical order, so the task should be easier.

Holiday Party: With all our busy schedules, it looks like we will not have our traditional Christmas party. We discussed gathering the Board and spouses at a restaurant on January 15th. Diane will make reservations.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 22nd at 7 pm at Diane's house.