

**Minutes of the Deer Creek Homeowners Association of Livonia
Board of Directors
Held at Diane Tsaprazis's house
May 4, 2022
Approved 7-28-2022**

Present: Denny Behrendsen, Bob Moore, Terry Millis, Marsha McLean and Diane Tsaprazis (5).

Minutes: The minutes of March 3, 2022 were approved with no changes.

Treasurer's Report: Terry will send us a clean copy of our final 2021 budget, actuals and variances which we discussed at our last meeting. Terry distributed an income statement showing the 2022 budget, actual figures to date, and the variances. Comments on 2022 were as follows:

Revenue: We collected \$13,100 in dues so far, which when added to our \$7,444.20 beginning balance results in total income of \$20,544.20. Denny said he has a few more dues payments to deposit.

Operating Expenses: We incurred \$253.69 in electric bills from DTE with \$396.31 remaining in the budget for the remainder of the year. We questioned if we could go over budget, but usage will decline during the summer when the photocells will not come on during daylight. Also, we had 2 charges from DTE in January; Terry will look into why this occurred. We spent \$377.52 to print and mail our annual letter, with most of the cost for postage which rose from \$.95 per item last year to \$1.56 this year. Diane pointed out that next year we will need to buy mailing labels and printer ink. As these two line items comprised our only costs to date, our operating expenses totaled \$631.21.

Project Expenses: We clarified that the \$1,000 budgeted for Gill Road is for 6 hydrangeas, stone and mulch; this work has not yet been done. We spent \$377.19 on our website for 3 years of hosting; we also need some software upgrades as the site is not working properly. We discussed that \$500 we budgeted for Tree removal & replacement is for a Douglas Fir on Island 7 that was trimmed and now looks bad.

Our ending balance was \$19,535.80. We accepted the report.

Spring Planting: On April 29th, Marsha, Denny and Diane planted 6 flats of 6" pansies, with 29 at the north end and 7 at the sound end of the 8 Mile island.

Ellen Road: On March 14, 2022, Denny attended a City council meeting. Ellen Rd. is on the list for reconstruction from Morlock to 8 Mile, including the curb around the island. We do not know when the work will be done, but the City will notify the affected homeowners. Denny said paving work starts at the south end of the City and moves northward; with inflation, we hope they will still do our project this year. Marsha said Windridge is getting a drainage project.

City Grant: Denny said the submission request is due at the end of May. He will ask for the grant to restore our landscaping after the road repair.

Drainage Issues: Bob said that standing water is a problem at Wayne and at Edgewood. The City is responsible for water in the roads and homeowners are responsible for water on land. Marsha has a lot of standing water in her backyard. Denny explained that the neighbor behind him built a landscape berm that impedes the "V" shape in the rear where water is supposed to flow to the City drain. We should warn residents not to block the designed water flow to the drains in our backyards.

Raised Garden Beds: Bob got a call from a resident on Ellen Rd. concerned about raised garden beds with tall posts at a home on Gary Lane. Bob called the homeowners and got an explanation that the chicken wire and posts will be cut down in height.

Pool: A homeowner on Wayne Rd. wants to put in a pool. Denny asked Marsha to remind them they cannot do an above-ground pool, and that the City must approve the pool and surrounding fence.

Garage Sale: Two homeowners want to have a sale later in the summer, but do not want to chair a neighborhood wide sale. After school starts in September is a good time. Denny said he wants to learn how to send a blind list to inquire if other homeowners are interested. Terry suggested trying Google Groups. We do have email addresses for a majority of our residents, but we would never publish them.

Summer Planting: Marsha and Diane will coordinate planting petunias at 8 Mile when needed.

Next Meeting: July 13, 2022, 7 pm at Diane's house.

Attachments to Minutes: None