

Minutes of 3/9/2010 ROIA Annual Homeowners Meeting

Board Members Present: Ruth Brackmann, Rick Deist, Pete Molina, Kristin Norberg, Linda Saxton, Rob Stout

Board Members Absent: Robin Hodges

Homeowners Present: Chris Boettcher, Rebecca Christiansen, Sharon Goodman, Michael Hitchcock, Jeanne Kreymer, Rich Nagode, Frank Vainisi

Meeting called to order 7:40 p.m., at City Hall Council Chambers.

Secretary Report:

April minutes – deferred.

February minutes – Linda moved to accept February minutes as submitted. Rob seconded, all approved.

Treasurer Report:

Dues

- 1 homeowner is three quarters behind for 2009-10, and 4 others are one quarter behind. We're ahead of budget for the year.
- Will prepare and send coupons soon for 2010-11.
- Discussed positive, neighborly approach that the Treasurer and Board have taken to collecting dues, which has worked really well. We're in much better shape than other nearby subdivisions.

Retaining wall fund

- Explained that we would be able to use most of the ROIA assets immediately to cover the wall if it fell, and that ongoing dues would allow us to maintain operations on a current basis.
- We're tentatively planning for replacing the wall in about 2 years.
- Received quote last year from Fox Chase for about \$105,000, which would be split approximately 50% association, 38% lot 9, 12% lot 8.

Budget – current year performance

- Discussed the report provided by Treasurer, described purpose of Annual Review and Property Maintenance line items.
- All excess income is held by the ROIA as the retaining wall fund

Kristin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Linda seconded, all approved.

Special Report: Morton Arboretum

- Ruth provided additional copies of the Morton Arboretum study information. Our application was accepted, so we'll be participating in the soil quality study.

City Liaison Report:

- Ruth discussed the concert series and other activities at the City and Park District.
- Butterfield Road will have work done from Naperville Road to Route 59, starting in the Warrenville area. It starts in the fall and is scheduled for completion in August 2011. They will be landscaping it with native plants.

Entertainment:

- Linda mentioned the block party and the local backyard gatherings. There was great turnout and a fun time for all of these last year, and we'll continue both types of gatherings next year.

Neighborhood Watch:

- We're not having any significant issues in the neighborhood, but we're always interested in volunteers to head up a Watch.

Landscaping:

- Pete explained that we have contracted B & B Landscape Service this year, instead of Brickman. It's a better price, and he has needed to follow up regularly with Brickman to get things done right.

Website:

- Becky Christiansen continues to maintain the ROIA website and is happy to post any new materials. She can include password-protected areas, such as for the homeowner directory.
- There is a \$50 annual web hosting fee.
- Rick moved that we pay \$100 to Becky to reimburse for web hosting fees (\$50 as a replacement of the lost Sept. 2008 check, and \$50 to cover current year's fee). Rob seconded, all approved.

Newsletter:

- The newsletter is sent quarterly, which helps as a dues reminder. The budget line item is for photocopying.
- Board agreed earlier this year to accept some outside ads, for a charge.

Other Business:**Directory**

- Last updated in August 2007, so it's probably time to make a new one.

Insurance premium

- Rick received the bill for our Property Liability and Directors & Officers insurance, due in April.
- Linda moved to authorize Rick to pay \$591 to Erie Insurance for the 2009-10 Liability / D&O insurance premium. Rob seconded, all approved.

Election of new Board members:

- Received 15 ballots, with no write-in candidates.
- Rick Deist was reelected, and Frank Vainisi and Sharon Goodman were elected to new 2-year terms.
- Thank you to Pete Molina for his service on the Board and especially for his work with the landscaping companies!

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Kristin seconded, all approved. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, at Kristin's house.

Respectfully submitted

Kristin Norberg, Secretary