

## **Minutes of 10/13/2010 ROIA Board Meeting**

**Present:** Ruth Brackmann, Rick Deist, Sharon Goodman, Kristin Norberg, Linda Saxton, Frank Vainisi

**Absent:** Rob Stout

Meeting called to order 7:50 p.m. at Sharon Goodman's house.

### **Secretary Report:**

Linda moved to accept September 2010 minutes as submitted. Rick seconded, all approved.

### **Treasurer Report:**

- 2009-10 dues collection is now complete! Thanks to homeowners and to Rick for his efforts.
- Rick sent letters to the 6 homeowners who hadn't paid anything for 2010-11; only 1 responded.
  - Ruth will make phone calls.
- Rick made motion to reimburse expenses as listed below. Linda seconded, all approved.
  - Sharon Goodman: \$20.00 for games/prizes for block party.
  - Ruth Brackmann: \$80.29 for newsletter printing.
- Landscape billing
  - Correction to information provided at last month's meeting: B&B had billed for 22 cuttings (not 25). So now we are at 26 and in good shape to stay at the 30 planned.

Kristin made motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Frank seconded, all approved.

### **Old Business:**

- Morton Arboretum soil boring is in progress. We'll get their feedback in about 6 months.

### **Landscaping:**

- B&B hauled away the leaves from the common area (improvement over Brickman!).
- Flowers at front entrance – Ruth and Frank plan to plant stella d'oro in the spring, mums next fall.
- The young trees in lower common area by river need some maintenance, straightening the stakes and protective wire. Frank offered to do this with help.
- Front entrance sign – Ruth has paintbrushes and will buy the black enamel exterior paint.
- Emerald Ash Borer – City sent Ruth a copy of the letter that was in the local newspaper. City doesn't plan to do anything at this point and recommended against using chemicals.

### **New Business:**

- Front entrance lights need repair again.
  - Last repairs were April 2009 (about \$80) and November 2007 (about \$236).
  - Frank will call Prime Electric to obtain an estimate and advice on solar or other options.
- Block party
  - Smaller turnout this year (22 families), believed due to weather and no Moon Jump.
  - Discussed doing it earlier in September for weather, and starting the grilling earlier too.
  - Plan to try it in the lower cul-de-sac next year for a change.
  - Discussed needing more kid-centered activities. Chalk and bean bags went over all right, but could also consider scavenger hunts, water balloons, Hawaiian themes, etc.
  - Also need more involvement from non-Board members to plan activities, starting sooner.
- Retaining wall
  - Ruth pulled the original Larsen invoice; still need Ruth or Linda to provide the report itself.
- Neighborhood directory
  - Sharon has half the contact info and will try to have the rest by next meeting for proofing.
  - Will just print alphabetical. Double-sided with columns or handbook format. Linda will do layout in Publisher and will include a cover page and the map.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Next meeting 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 10, at Frank's house.

Respectfully submitted  
Kristin Norberg, Secretary