

**East Village Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2018**

Board Members Present:

Fred Stapenhorst – President
Tom Reid – Treasurer
Ellen Fowler- Secretary
Judy Butler- Member at Large
Bel Borg – Member at Large

Homeowners in Attendance:

Bobbi Stapenhorst – HOA Landscape Liaison
Carola Brucker
Ute Hallstein

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

The Board minutes from the meeting held on October 26, 2017 were approved as presented.

Homeowners' Forum/Correspondence: Ute Hallstein reported on concerns in the neighborhood regarding theft of delivered items from residents' front porches and thefts from cars parked in driveways. Ute met with the Ashland Police Department to discuss establishment of a neighborhood watch program and learned that the APD was no longer supporting such programs. The APD recommended that concerned residents may install cameras and that the HOA could purchase "Neighborhood Watch" signs on line to deter theft. Fred suggested that the HOA might send out a flyer to residents making them aware of the issues and ways to prevent theft. Judy agreed to draft a notice to residents and circulate it among the Board members. Ute agreed to contact the APD and/or City of Ashland to get more details on how to install signs.

President's Report: Fred passed with nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom reviewed the HOA balance sheet as of 12/31/17 and the year end profit and loss comparison from 2016 vs 2017, as well as the accounts receivable aging summary for HOA member dues. Tom stated that the HOA finances were on track and in good shape and the HOA has sufficient cash on hand.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget for 2018. Fred recommended the following additions to the budget as presented:

- Increase the amount for possible purchase of identifying signage to \$3840 plus application costs
- Increase Special Landscaping Projects to \$7500.

On motion duly made and seconded, the budget was adopted as presented with the additions proposed. The final budget will be posted on the HOA website.

Old Business:

Landscape Update: Bobbi provided an update on the landscaping. She is meeting monthly with Brandon of U.S. Lawns and will review possible repairs and improvements in the spring. Additional parkway plantings and lawn repair are the first priority. The contract with U.S. Lawns will be reviewed in the spring. The wetlands were substantially cleaned and the downed tree on Abbott was removed. We plan to handle the plum tree spraying the same as last year, and the invasive blackberries will be sprayed. Details will be emailed to the Board as needed.

Updated emergency contact list: Ellen noted no changes to the list.

Reserve Fund Study Update for 2018: Nothing to report.

Driveway & Sidewalk Update: Judy reported that in the spring she would walk the neighborhood to determine if any sidewalks or driveways need repair.

Monument ID Signage: Bel updated the Board on her discussions with Hale Signs and presented a detailed proposal to place 2 signs, each 15"X48" to be installed at a height of 36", one placed at Abbott and Dollarhide and one (2 sided) to be placed on Clay between Abbott and Dollarhide. The total cost is \$3840, which includes installation and permits. Following discussion, motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the proposal and thanked Bel for her efforts.

New Business:

Capitalizing Sidewalk and Driveway Repairs: Tom sated that he did not think it was necessary to capitalize the repairs.

Cottonwood at 2264 Dollarhide: Fred reported that the requested tree removal had been rejected by the Ashland Tree Commission. The Commission believed that the tree was not a danger at this time.

Next Board Meeting Date Reminder: The next meeting will take place on April 26, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Fowler
Secretary