

Revised

Gray Acres Maintenance Corporation
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2013

Present: Sharon McDaniel, Chris Baldwin, Calvin Alt, Linda Shepherd, Nada Jones

Call to Order: Chris called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Treasurer's Report: Sharon provided the following information to the GAMC Board.

Balance Forward	4-10-2013	
	Checking	25,181.47
	Savings	5,001.28
Income		
2013 Assessments (NCCo)	25,406.14	
Assessments (Neighborhood Resources)	1,766.32	
Interest	<u>.38</u>	
	27,172.84	
Balance		57,355.21
Expenses		
Bad Check	512.00	
Countryside	8,281.01	
Neighborhood Res.	1,835.00	
Delmarva Power (4mos)	65.10	
New Checks	36.23	
Bank Fee	<u>8.00</u>	
	10,737.34	
Balance 8-6-2013		46,618.25
Checking		41,616.59
Savings		5,001.66

President's Report:

- Storm water pond update
Chris talked to Dave Tackett. Councilman Tackett said the plans are done for reconstructing the pond. The contractor is lined up for the job too. So Gray Acres is still on track for the job to be done in the fall.
- Park renaming idea/tree planting
Chris also talked with Dave Tackett about the Board's idea to rename the park in memory of Phil McInnis and plant a tree in his name, since he was instrumental in getting the park built in the early days of the community. Mr. Tackett said it won't be possible to rename the park since the county is not in favor of renaming parks. However we can probably get permission to plant the tree and mark it with a plaque.
- Annual Meeting: Planning will begin at the next meeting.
A budget committee will need to be formed soon.
We'll try again to sign up for a conference room at the Bear Library.
We will set a date for November.
- Neighborhood Resources Update
 - Only four cases have gone to trial because those four have chosen to go to trial.
 - One homeowner didn't get a lien placed on their property because they sent a partial payment to the county, and there is another case that is taking a similar turn.
People need to realize that a *partial* payment isn't *full* payment to GAMC.
 - Two homeowners are in bankruptcy, so we won't see that money.
 - Steve Blanchies of Neighborhood Resources was asked in the past to give clearer invoices. The chart that was reviewed at tonight's meeting was clear. Sharon will send invoices to Chris to check over in the future. He will follow up line by line with Steve to be sure clarity is always present.

Committee Reports:

- Communications
Nada shared information about various website design companies that could offer more advanced options (ex. Selecting unique domain name, private chat areas for Board members, ability to remove ads, etc.) The Board

decided to stay with Neighborhood Link but upgrade to premium level. The cost is \$120.00/year. Nada will arrange for the upgrade.

- Landscaping
Chris needs to contact Keith (Countryside) and Jeff about contract for future.
- Finances
Savings Account—Sharon went to the bank (Wells Fargo) to get comparative information about cds of various durations (3 months, 5 or 6 years)
Chris said that \$5,000 was put in last year, and perhaps we should do the same this year.
Calvin: The interest on cds really isn't very high.
Chris asked if there was a motion to do same as last year.
Sharon: 1st motion
Nada: 2nd motion
Chris: All in favor?
All responded with, "Aye."
Chris: So the GAMC will have \$10,000 in savings and \$41,000 in operating budget.

New Business:

- Tree and Plaque in name of Phil McInnis & Ted McDaniel, who both passed away this past spring.
 - Should we ask Dave Tackett if \$150 is available, and we could match it that amount?
 - We could contact Countryside about selecting and planting an appropriate tree for the area in the park.
 - A ceremony could be held at the park to dedicate the tree & plaque.
 - Nada: We'll have to check out options for plaques that will withstand the weather & possible vandalism or theft. It will need to be held securely wherever it is placed.
 - Linda suggested using plaques that are inscribed and placed as stepping stones around the tree (like people use for pets in gardens).
 - Linda & Calvin will look into different styles of outdoor plaques.
 - Chris will talk again to Dave Tackett regarding the money for the tree.
- Chris: With the death of Ted McDaniel, we now have no vice president. Chris wasn't sure if it is mandatory in the bylaws to fill that position.
Nada: I make a motion that we leave the position vacant until the Annual Meeting, when the new Board will be elected.
Linda: 2nd
Chris: All in favor?

All responded with, “Aye.”

- Christiana Fire Company—Capital Fund

Sharon asked if we should give the same as we have in the past (~\$1.00/household or \$250.00)

Linda: Are we allowed to give from GAMC funds in name of homeowners.

Chris: Well with supporting the fire company, we are assured of a response without charge.

All agreed to give money (Chris abstained from vote since he is an inactive member of the Christiana Fire Company).

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4 (7:00 PM)

Chris: “Do I hear a motion to adjourn?”

Calvin: “I motion that.”

All others agreed to adjourn at 8:37 PM.