

**Gray Acres Maintenance Corporation
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2013**

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

Nada made a motion to begin the meeting. Chris called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM

Approval of September minutes: Hard copies were made available for review. Chris: Do we have a motion to approve the minutes as written? Several responded with an affirmative response. Chris: Do I have a 2nd? (Sharon said, "I second it.") Chris: All in favor... All responded with, "Aye." The minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon provided a written report (dated 9/4/13) to the Secretary & explained the information to the Board. It was as follows:

Balance forward	8-06-13	
	Checking	\$41,616.59
	Savings	\$ 5,001.66
Income		
Assessments (NCCo)	2,303.93	
Assessments (Neighborhood Resources)	216.14	
Balance Checking		\$44,136.66
Expenses		
Countryside	1,273.67	
Christiana Fire Co.	250.00	
Neighborhood Link	120.00	
DelMarva Power	13.75	
Monthly Bank Fee	<u>2.00</u>	
	1,659.42	
Balance Checking		\$42,477.24
Transfer to Savings	5,000.00	
Balance Checking		\$37,477.24
Savings Fund Balance		\$10,001.66

President's Report:

- Chris called the Bear Library regarding a meeting room for the Annual Meeting. He reserved Meeting Room #1 for Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM.
- Chris e-mailed Dave Tackett again regarding the reconstruction of the storm weather pond. He hasn't heard back yet, but the e-mail was earlier in the same day and Chris said that Dave probably just hasn't had a chance to return with an answer.
- Neighborhood Resources: We received a check for \$815.50 from a settlement of ~\$1600. GAMC got most of the penalties but not the lien. The check was from a homeowner in the 2011 collections list. 2012 are in liens and are getting reading for JP Court.
- Existing members will need to advise the Board if they plan to continue as a Board member so that nominations can be made at the Annual Meeting.

Communications:

- Nada read the Notice of Meeting letter & Proxy Statement that will go out in mailing soon. The letter and proxy were approved by the Board.
- The Notice of Meeting & Proxy Statement will be mailed ~2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Nada will post minutes in private area of website in the future. Board members will access minutes there and vote at next meeting for approval. Nada will send out user name and password so that they can enter the private area of the website.

Landscape Committee: Chris will talk with Keith at Countryside regarding the snowplow contract for this winter.

Budget Committee: Sharon is chairperson and presented a copy of the 2014 proposed budget.

- There will not be a change in assessment amount and the capital reserve is going away. The committee used actual expenses to guide them and, with some shuffling, was able to get what we needed and still keep the assessment at \$130.00.
- The storm weather pond will go better & cost less when the #1 pond is replaced.
Chris: Is there a motion to approve the 2014 budget proposal as a Board and present it to the community at the Annual Meeting? Calvin: So moved; Linda & Nada: 2nd; Chris: any discussion? Questions? Chris: All in favor? All responded with, "Aye." There were no oppositions.

<<Executive Session: In at 7:55 PM...Out at 8:06 PM>>

Old Business:



- Barrels near the development entrance are covering the sinkholes near the sewers. DelDot is responsible for fixing the problem, but they still haven't done anything further.
- Water leakage on Gray Blvd: Was a leaking water line from a house on Ivory. The problem has been fixed.
- Memorial for Phil MacInnis & Ted McDaniel.

Linda got the specs from Countryside:

A hearty dogwood will cost \$111.99 (w/30% discount)

Installation will be \$159.99

Delivery fee will be \$27.00

\$298.98

A plaque of natural stone \$84.99 12-14 inches <<

\$64.99 9-10 inches

\$49.99 7-8 inches

Chris: Is there a motion to decline the offer from county for a \$150 grant for the memorial and handle it ourselves by purchasing the tree & plaque through Countryside?

Calvin: Motion

Nada: 2nd

Chris: All in favor—"Aye" There were no objections.

What will be on the plaque?... We need to get Faye MacInnis and Sharon involved with the wording since they know them best.

We need to include years of service and for Phil: President Emeritus.

For the tree and two plaques + installation costs: ≤\$600.00 Chris: Motion to approve this amount for the memorial? John 2nd Chris: Are there questions? All in favor?

No oppositions to any motions regarding the memorial. No questions.

Linda will contact Countryside regarding the plaques and will mark where Countryside should plant the tree.

New Business? No new business at this time.

Chris: Is there a motion to adjourn?

Linda: yes

Chris: Anyone opposed (No oppositions)