

EARC Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2011

Present: Mickey Cook, Mel Church, Karl Freed, Dave Magerlein, Scott Vandeboss

Absent: Larry Harris

Guests: Gary Niemeck, Jack Harmens, Dan Williams

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Clubhouse library.

Actions noted for the record

1. The following requests were expedited and handled electronically prior to the meeting:

- Shores, at entry drive - approved removal of large Blue Spruce suffering from severe needle cast, replacement tree required
- Approved the Tree Removal and Planting List generated by the tree committee (Karl, Gary Niemeck, Mel). Proposed tree for the small island at the intersection of Greenleaf Circle and Greenleaf Blvd. was removed from the list prior to approval due to visibility and viability concerns. The list will be forwarded to the City.

Tree removal requests

Glens Association - 2 Blue Spruce (6" and 8"), also added adjacent Apple tree

Trees are located in the curb lawn in front of unit 3809. The Spruce are suffering from needle cast and in decline, as is the Apple.

Approved for removal. Replacement with two or more evergreen trees required, preferably White Spruce, to be planted in same area.

The number of trees planted should be sufficient to fill the area and provide screening between the Glens, its neighbors, and the roadway when mature.

Altman Management, Willow Creek I and II - 29 trees of various species and sizes

Letter from Beth Marsh presenting a general plan was reviewed. Two concerns were raised:

1. Size of the replacement trees be increased from a minimum of 1 inch to 1.5 inches.
2. Authorization from an officer of Altman with more regional authority be included.

Mickey will contact Beth.

Kalamazoo Nature Center Report

Following an inquiry at the last PHCA Board meeting about the status of the report, Mickey found copies of the original Work Table from 2004 and an updated Work Table and Completed Table presented to the Board in September 2007. Copies of each were provided to committee members. Dave will review and discuss with the Board.

Unauthorized clearing of PHCA property update

Dave reported that he and Joe Hawver walked the property with Jack Harmens and reviewed options for action. Jack also provided information based on his own research that indicated that the property line between PHCA property and the Pines common area lies approximately along the east side of the PHCA trail. Pines will address the issue at its October 4 meeting and expect to have a response the the PHCA Board by its October 11 meeting.

Pines - Review of area around garages

Jack Harmens reported that termites have been found in several garages in the Pines. Rose Pest Control will treat the area but recommends that a border around each of the garage units be cleared to allow better air flow and sunlight to help keep the area dryer. Jack would like the EARC to review the garage areas and provide feedback on trees or other issues that may be a concern of the EARC before the area is cleared. Jack and Mel Church will mark the boundaries for the clearing.

Resident comment

Dan Williams, a Glen's resident, raised the question of how interested residents can volunteer to work or help around the community. EARC members noted several possibilities:

- Start in the Pines and work with the Board and management company to see what needs to be done
- Join one of the existing committees: Trails, Boat Storage, Prairie Garden
- Pick an area of interest, become knowledgeable, make a proposal to the Board for a new committee

EARC members also recommended becoming familiar with the information on the PVH website.

Conclusion:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 3:00 pm, Clubhouse library

Mickey Cook, EARC Secretary