

WESTHAVEN TRAILS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

1. Welcome and Presentation of Agenda – Kevin Gerber, President
2. Police Liaison/New Alderwoman
3. Annual Action Items and Association Updates – Kevin Gerber, President
4. Expense Report - Ryan
5. Ask for any volunteers; vote on Board Member
6. Open up for Neighborhood Comments/Concerns

Kevin-Introductions

Officer Slawek

West side crime rate has gone down overall. Some references include: www.crimereports.com and www.madisonpolice.com. We are not in a high crime area overall. Less reports on Muir Field this year so far and auto thefts have gone down. Burglaries have seen a 7 % decrease. MARI – Madison Area Recovery Initiative has been doing some great things to keep kids away from the streets. If you are concerned you can call your circuit court judges and ask what's being done. Someone asked about parking on the crosswalks on Mckenna and Muir Field; contact the parking enforcement for that type of issue. Please check out the Nextdoor website to keep track of what's going on in our neighborhood. You can reach Officer Slawek at aslawek@cityofmadison.com

Donna Moreland – New Alder District 7

She works on City Policy and any New Developments going on in the district. There are about 11,000 residents in her district. She is going to look into AT&T/Spectrum leaving a mess when they did their rewiring project. Enzo agreed to do a walkthrough of the neighborhood with her so she knows exactly what area the association represents.

Ryan (Bookkeeper) - Expense Report

- Expense Report hand out
- Mowing and special projects are the largest expenses; which included repainting the parks

and sprucing them up.

- Honorariums were brought up, as they are every year...they have not changed; in fact we have eliminated the Events Coordinator position.
- We also eliminated the annual picnic last year; and even though some would like to see it happen; we had spent \$3,000 the previous year so that was a large savings
- Private courts pay extra for snow plow and lighting on the courts...streets are shared property; we discussed starting to save up to re-pave in the next few years. We are looking at quotes this year to repair/re-surface

Josh - motion to approve budget

Al - seconded motion

2019 Budget Approved

Parks Committee

- Enzo is meeting with the landscaper to look at re-doing behind Tucson Trails
- Lightning hit a tree on Cimarron Trail 3 years ago, that should be taken down
- We are getting a bid for taking care of lawn and snow removal all in one. The board will discuss once we have the bids
- Any volunteers to pick up trash/walk the parks? No one really volunteered
- Someone asked about taking their own chainsaw and cutting down trees etc. Enzo said no to that due to liability issues
- Boy Scout troop cleaned up an area on Carnwood last year

Water Run-Off issue

At this time the run off issue was brought up by a resident on Tucson Trail. Basically, due to the design of the park, there is not enough grass to absorb water and it runs off down to his property. In spring there might be 4-6 inches of water on his driveway. When the properties were laid out, each property was stepped down which was supposed to allow the flow. It's not traveling like it should. We have spent money to in 2011 to address the issue in the park. This issue was brought up last year and we had looked into; but the city had suggested some ideas; but all are very costly and the association cannot afford what they are suggesting. The Board has set aside \$2000 towards improving the park to help with drainage. We will not be changing or improving anything that is already in place (such as changing the flow that could create a pond and then flood a basement) due to liability issues. We have gotten a letter from our attorney that suggests that we as an organization are not responsible for individual properties that are affected by this situation. We are hoping to put this issue to rest at this time.

Kevin - Upcoming Events

Rummage sales June 7th & 8th; link to participate is on website. Kevin will coordinate. Will be announced in WI State Journal. Email garagesale@westhaventrails.org

President's Report

1. Park Repairs Update: Money was allocated last year for Roy Simmons to power wash all equipment, replace boards, staining, sanding any rusted equipment, and prime/paint equipment in bright colors
2. Split Rail Fences were fixed last year by Steve and Kevin. There are 33 corner posts and 100 end posts.
3. Walking Paths – Bartlett Paving filled cracks from Silverton to Carnwood \$2379

4. Neighborhood Watch Program – We used American Security for a month to monitor suspicious activity. They went 2 x a night M-F and 1x on Saturday at a cost of \$506. We decided this is something we could do maybe one month a year if crime starts to get out of hand in the area.
5. Resurfacing of the Private courts – currently 2 are in desperate need: Alamosa and Corona – We will repair for now and get costs on seal coating/resurfacing.

Increase of Annual Dues

It was brought up to increase annual dues by \$5/unit. Kyle motioned to approve the \$5 increase as long as the increase of at least \$2000 is diverted to a fund to be used solely for resurface/repairing private courts. Enzo 2nd. Josh voted no; but the motion was approved as he does not have enough votes. This \$5 increase will go into effect for next year's dues. The budget will be amended for \$2000 to go into the private courts. We also agreed that next year we will come up with a plan for when private courts will be done and if we need to do a special assessment fee.

Vote on Board:

The vote for board was motioned by Enzo 2nd by Josh to keep Kevin as President, for 1- year terms; Julie as Secretary/VP for 2- year term; and Amber, Enzo and Al as board members.

Enzo- Architectural Review Board- Responds to customers to review requests for small buildings or modifications to the property such as a fence or shed. 14 resident contacts. We should respond within 3 days of the request and make a decision within 10 days.

The board members will be motioned in at our next meeting on May 20th.

Kevin - open concerns. Seeing none:

Al - motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Josh 2nd, meeting adjourned.

Current Honorariums

President - \$2500/year

Treasurer - \$600/year

Secretary - \$600/year

Bookkeeper - \$4500/year

Webmaster - \$600/year

Arb Chair/\$500/year

Liens Coordinator - \$250/year plus \$100 per file - as posted in 2016 yearly minutes