

Geist Landing Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2008
7:30 pm

Meeting held at Wes Hamilton's: 8942 Buckhaven Drive

1. Quorum Call – Meeting was called to order at 7:41pm. In attendance were Wes Hamilton, Jocelyn Gonzalez, Sheri Jordan, Andrea Preston, Bill Vassiliou, Katyann DiSalvo, Barbara Schauland, Lorraine Snider and Mike Kistler.
2. Review of Minutes – Katyann motioned to approve the April minutes and Mike seconded. The minutes were approved.
3. Financial Report – The GLNA current balance is \$11,498.59. Total expenses to date have totaled \$2784.62 and 187 homeowners have paid dues, including 5 that came in after the newsletter went out last month. That compares to 182 that had paid by this time last year. Bill asked why the amount went up for lights even though the days are longer. Most of the lights are a set cost regardless of use – only the entrance light amounts change. Mike wondered if a rate increase may also have occurred. We were able to complete the newsletter under budget. In total, we are \$64 under budget at this time. Katyann bought a stock of “forever” stamps as previously approved. Lorraine had a question about the financial report as it appeared in the newsletter. It stated we were \$200 under budget. Lorraine wondered how that was possible since our snow removal costs were so high last year. Wes and Katyann responded that they did not base this year's budget on the snow removal costs from last year since they were especially and unusually high. Jocelyn wondered if the Association could purchase a snowplow, but it was pointed out that the costs would be prohibitive for an appropriate truck and plow. Andrea motioned to approve the financial report and Bill seconded the motion. The report was approved.
4. CECO – There was no CECO meeting in April.
5. Drain Flyer – Barbara completed a draft of a drain flyer and brought it for the board to review. **Wes has some items to add to it and will do so within the next month.** We plan to hand deliver the flyers to the homes that have drains on the street in front of their home.
6. Yard of the Month
Nominations for yard of the month include: 8730 Powderhorn Way, 9310 Monte Lane, 8778 Buckhaven Drive, 8624 Appleby Lane, 9133 Hadway Drive, 9576 Hadway Drive, 9452 Helmsdale Drive The winner is 8730 Powderhorn Way, home of Phillip Paluso and Sarah Hansell (who will be married on May 31st!) **Andrea will get the sign to**

Barbara so that she can deliver it to the winner. Andrea asked if she could create a Good Neighbor award for Officer Mark Brown for taking down the big pine tree that previously blocked the view from Hadway onto Village Way. The board agreed.

7. New Business --

Village Way Entrance, build stone wall like the Falkirk entrance? -
Lorraine and Barbara like the short wall that borders the front of the landscaping at the Falkirk entrance. They think a stone border at Village Way would make the entrance much more noticeable. Barbara did some pricing. Stone and delivery would cost about \$450. Installation would cost more. There would also be an added cost of dirt to elevate the sign. Wes suggested that we wait until fall to see if we are still within budget. We could also solicit neighborhood assistance (toward cost and/or labor) at the neighborhood block party. **Sheri will ask her friend (an architect) if she might assist us with a discount on stones.**

Security – Our budget includes money to begin security later this month. Wes asked if Mike has someone lined up. **Mike said he could call Mike Sharp from last year to see if he is available and Wes asked him to do so.** Mike would like to hire an officer who is already familiar with this area. We would like to begin security rotations around Sat May 24th and continue every other weekend into the summer (one 3 hour shift per weekend). Lorraine suggests that we make a list of specific items for the officer to patrol while he is in the neighborhood – expired licenses, trouble areas, flat tires, etc. **Lorraine will make a list of specific requests that Wes or Mike will email to the officer** so that he will have that available to him on patrol. We will also ask that he return a report to us each time he works in our neighborhood.

Meijer landscaping - Barbara went to Meijer about the weeds (specifically dandelions) on Village Way. Lorraine spoke to someone as well. Our neighbor, Cliff Dillon, called Katyann about the problem. He asked if the Board would be willing to send a letter to Meijer headquarters given that we have repeatedly approached local management to no avail. We are prepared to write a letter, take pictures and present them to the local management (96th Street as well as Village Way) insisting that action be taken. If there is no change, we can mail the letter to Michigan headquarters. **Barbara will draft a letter and Andrea will review it. Sheri will take photos.**

Cliff also complained about some road construction signs that have been abandoned along Village Way. **Katyann will contact MAC to have those collected.**

8. Next meeting will be held on June 12th at 7:30pm at Katyann DiSalvo's house, 8842 Powderhorn Way.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.