

**Geist Landing Neighborhood Association  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, 8-14-2008 7:30PM**

Meeting at Mike Kistler's at 8912 Buckhaven Dr.

**1. Quorum Call – Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:59pm. In attendance were Wes Hamilton, Katyann DiSalvo, Andrea Preston, Barbara Schauland, Mike Kistler, Deb Malloy, Michel Pascal and Lorraine Snider.

**2. Review of Minutes --** Andrea read a portion of the minutes that had been edited since the minutes were emailed to board members. Mike motioned to approve and Katyann seconded. The minutes were approved.

**3. Financial Report –** The current account balance is \$9,785.14. Total income YTD is \$10,623.20, with 197 paid members. During the month, GLNA received a refund from Menards for weed spray that Peter returned, and paid out for security and lawncare. Looking at the annual budget, we are currently 13 paid households below the number that we had projected. However, our actual income is above projections due to the number of households that paid more than \$50. We are \$133 under budget.

Wes suggested that the refund from Menards be refunded specifically to the landscaping budget line. **Katyann will make that adjustment.**

Katyann received notice from Chase Bank that they are changing their account fees. Our account previously cost \$8 per month, which was waived if a \$5000 balance was maintained. Fees are increasing based on account services requested. The question under consideration was whether we cared to pay for imaging of the checks. We decided to opt for the least expensive account, which is now \$10 per month, still waived if a \$5000 minimum balance is maintained.

We still have not received an insurance bill. Katyann called to inquire and was told that it is still in underwriting, but we are covered until the bill is processed.

Andrea motioned to approve the financial report and Mike seconded. The report was approved.

**4. CECO ---** No meeting took place again in August. Wes spoke to a representative who claimed there is no zoning issue. However, there is a sign on Wes' work property. Enerdel is applying for zoning to match the zoning under which they are currently functioning, perhaps fixing a zoning issue that has been incorrect for some time.

5. Newsletter -- We discussed when to do the next newsletter. We will wait until after the block party so that we can announce the annual meeting in the newsletter. We will need to assign articles at the September meeting and have the articles to Wes by the October meeting.

6. Block Party – The block party is scheduled for Oct 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm, with a rain date of Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. Total budget allotted is \$750. Deb is chairperson for the event. **Heather agreed to request the street permit.** The donation requests to Marsh and Meijer need to be started – **Lorraine and Barbara will handle that.** Last year, we got caramel, soda, sweet tea, and ice from Marsh. We could use more bottled water if we can get that. Last year, we used 8 bags of small apples (10-12 per bag) and 13 bags of caramels. We also need cups and napkins. We have small plates left from last year. Corn dogs, purchased and donated by a neighbor, were a big hit last year. We would like to include that on our “menu” this year. **Andrea agreed to make the signs and plan for the bike decoration and parade with police escort.** All of the leftover supplies are stored in Bill Vasilliou’s attic, including popcorn kernels. We decided to use Applehorn again. **Deb will inform neighbors of the dates and time.** We will need pumpkins for painting again. We got them from Hungtington, IN via Lorraine and we picked them up at the Farmer’s Market at 82<sup>nd</sup> and Hague. **Lorraine will investigate whether or not that is a possibility again.** We got 50 pumpkins last year at \$50 total. Barbara will provide nametags for the Board and will bring extras for neighbors. **Andrea will update the neighborhood association information board for display. Deb will look for pumpkin paint. Barbara has a bag full of paintbrushes.** It was suggested to put up directional signs in the neighborhood. Also suggested that we put postcards by the posted signs – **Wes will look into that.** Barbara reminded us of a neighbors’ suggestion to let neighbors do business booths. We discussed how to inform people of that opportunity. **We are encouraged to ask neighbors that we know that own small businesses to bring wares to sell. Barbara plans to send an email** to several neighbors for whom she has email addresses. It was also suggested to put up a volleyball net in one of the yards. No final decision was made about that. **Deb is interested in a portable climbing wall for kids** -- a local company brings it and provides workers. She is going to investigate. **Deb will follow up with all of us via email.**

7. Entrance Report – Falkirk Pin Oak trees report, Village Way stones estimate and drain updates

A. Pin Oaks -- Barbara brought a report from Carmel branch tree service (Pat Dunigan) declaring that the two Falkirk Pin Oak trees are not worth trying to save. Barbara asked the owners of those trees to come to the meeting, but they did not. The trees are not in imminent danger of falling.

B. Drains -- The city came and dredged the corner drain area at 96<sup>th</sup> and Village Way again, but it appears they did nothing new. Water is standing in it again. Barbara will email County Coordinator Bernie Ahaus (with supervisor Anthony McDaniel) again to follow-up.

C. Stones -- Lorraine went to The Stone Center – they have the same “white grey limestone” rocks (3-5 in. size) that we have at the Village Way entrance. The cost is \$161 per ton, which is a much better price than Barbara previously got at local home improvement stores. Mike offered to transport a load with his trailer. Delivery charge is \$99 for local delivery. **Lorraine will measure the entrance area to determine how many stones we need.**

#### 8. 9385 Helmsdale and 9522 Falkirk, multiple families?

Wes talked to Mark Hughes, Lawrence Township Compliance inspector about the 9385 Helmsdale complaint that was lodged by a neighbor at the July board meeting. Mark said if a house is not divided up it is difficult to prove that multiple families are residing there. The inspector did go to the house, but did not find any violations at that time. There were no signs of multiple families in residence. The inspector suggested that we could have Health and Hosp. check the property – health violations are easier to prove. The owner is Jeffrey Kucik (Helmsdale). The officer did not get back in touch with Wes until Aug 6<sup>th</sup>, so **Wes has not contacted the homeowner yet. Heather offered to get Mark Hughes’ email address** if Wes wants it, because Wes had a very hard time reaching him by phone. Wes has noticed that the activity level at the Helmsdale house is reduced since the complaint was investigated. The concerned neighbor has not contacted us since last month. Wes also spoke to Mark about cars with flat tires on Ginnylock, but the flat tire was aired just before the officer checked.

#### 9. New Business

##### A. Yard of the month

Michel nominated 8847 Ginnylock. Previous nominees that remain eligible are: 8603 Appleby, 9133 Hadway Drive, 9576 Hadway Drive, and 9452 Helmsdale Drive, 8922 Buckhaven and 8737 Powderhorn, 9522 Falkirk Drive, and 9359 Haddington Drive West. The winner this month is 9452 Helmsdale Drive. (Three addresses were selected to drop from the list of eligible nominees since the list had grown long.)

##### B. Tree Giveaways

No update from Lorraine on the tree giveaways.

##### C. Registered Sex Offenders.

We have two registered sex offenders in the GLNA neighborhood.

##### D. INRC Board Member Ballot

We got a notice from INRC that as a board, we can vote on a ballot for INRC board members. There are 7 positions and 7 people running to fill them. Katyann will complete the ballot and return it. There is an annual membership meeting in September.

#### E. Marion Co. Republicans

Marion Co. Republicans called and asked if they could send candidates to our meetings. Our annual meeting is after the election, so it probably not be of value to them. Wes will not pursue the offer.

#### F. Traffic Concerns

Lorraine left her name and phone number with the traffic division about a party that was going on at two houses side-by-side on Powderhorn recently. Cars were parked on both sides of the street and traffic was obstructed. Unfortunately, parking is permitted, so the parties are not doing anything that is against current parking regulations. Lorraine suggests that if we see a similar situation, that we go directly to the 86<sup>th</sup> and Fall Creek firehouse to inform them. Heather says the best contact is the Mayor's neighborhood liaison.

#### G. City Dog Codes

Heather found city code Sect 531-102 clarifying dog codes. It states that all dogs must be contained and *leashed*. Also persons must clean up after a dog. City legal prosecutes these cases if evidence can be produced (such as a picture). **Heather will complete an article for the newsletter on this topic in September.**

10. **Next Meeting** – The next board meeting will take place September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at Deb Malloy's house (8538 Appleby Lane).

11. **Adjourn Meeting** -- Meeting was adjourned at 9:41pm.