

## Meeting Notes 11.20.2019

Board Members Present: Esteban, Heather, Ashley, Carey, Michael, Tracey, Kevin, Kara, Tony, Sue Not present Amanda (congratulations to their family on the birth of their daughter, Fiona). We also had a number of homeowners present and we sincerely thank them for their engagement at the meeting!

Meeting called to order at 7:03 at the home of Tracey Goeing. A huge thank you to Tracey for hosting on short notice.

Notes from previous meeting were sent out via email. Motion to accept submitted and approved.

Treasurer's report for 2019 was submitted and approved. We were able to save money on landscaping for the front of the subdivision. A big thank you to Mason Spivey for his work maintaining the front of the subdivision this year. It was a cost saver for us and he did a great job!

Edward Jones Investment will be come due in December. 3 month CD is the recommended approach based on interest rates. Motion made to confirm rate and reinvest that on the December 13<sup>th</sup> date at Edward Jones was submitted and approved.

Thanks to our Vice President, Sue, for her work on the Halloween parade and costume contest. We had a wonderful turnout and Sue did a great job arranging.

New Business: Planning for 2020 and dates for events in the neighborhood:

HOA Meeting Dates and Locations (addresses will be sent out with dues statement and in reminder notifications via email, nextdoor, and facebook:

January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Ashley's home  
March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Heather's home  
May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Esteban's home  
September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Kara's home  
November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: Michael's home

Easter Celebration: Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Location and times will be posted closer to the event.

Block Party Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Hinthorn home. We will be working with Michael Strle on food options. We had a great turn out for 2019 and look forward to seeing even more neighbors for 2020 to make this an annual tradition!

Motion was made for the Halloween celebration to be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. The parade will be at 1pm on Galahad Court followed by trick or treating until 5pm. Motion was accepted with 1 opposed 14 in favor.

Service providers for 2020 are being researched to determine if our current mosquito abatement provider will be used moving forward or if another provider should be used to provide additional service in problem areas of the neighborhood. Options will be presented and voted on at future meetings.

2020 Dues Amount: We average 160 homes to pay dues each year. We have been operating at a deficit for the last few years and after our Treasurer conducted a thorough audit of our finances, are recommending a nominal increase in dues to cover expenses.

Dues payments: Ashley calculated history of dues and expenses, and based on her recommendation, a proposal was made to increase the dues to \$55.00 for 2020. Motion was made for this increase in dues and it was approved with 14 in favor and 1 opposed.

Covenants: We fall under Will County Land Use regulations. If you have an issue or a question, please reach out to them. Their information can be found at [www.willcountyillinois.com/county-offices/economic-development/land-use](http://www.willcountyillinois.com/county-offices/economic-development/land-use)

We had a complaint from a neighbor that witnessed a family driving through the neighborhood, rolling down their window, and throwing trash from their car. The homeowner that witnessed this cleaned up after them and in doing so, picked up garbage with their contact information. If this happens again, this information will be turned over to Will County Sheriff. Based on feedback from the police, they will issue a fine for littering. Thank you to the neighbor that cleaned up after these individuals and to Carey Brown for keeping our neighborhood clean on his daily walks with his dog.

Please be sure when you're doing leaf cleanup, or the landscaping service you use is doing clean up, that leaves are placed at the edge of the yard. Do not put them on the street unless your yard has a deep culvert immediately adjacent to the street. Per Troy Township, leaves should be placed at the edge of the lawn and the new trucks they use can accommodate reaching into the yard from the street to vacuum up the leaves. It is dangerous for those driving and kids walking/riding bikes in the neighborhood when streets are blocked by leaves.

Please be sure that you're wearing reflective clothing/flashlight when walking/jogging at night and early in the morning. It's hard to see on our street and several homeowners at the meeting shared stories of people walking in dark clothing at night that were hard to see. As it is getting dark earlier, this is especially important now.

Dues letters will be sent in January. Second notices will be sent in April and July. We will be requesting updated contact information from all homeowners in order to send out directories and update the email system for notifying homeowners of events, meetings, and providing information we receive.

**New PO Box Address: PO Box 528 Minooka, IL 60447**

A homeowner at the meeting raised concerns that there have been a number of reports in Joliet and Shorewood in which individuals are ransacking and robbing cars. Please be sure to lock your vehicles when they are in the driveway and parked on the street! Please report any suspicious activity to the police so they can increase patrols in our neighborhood if there is a concern.

There has been extensive surveying on the frontage road. A homeowner raised the question of whether we had any updates. A huge thank you to Jacquie McLaughlin for providing information on this that can be found at [www.i-80will.com](http://www.i-80will.com) There is also information for residents to attend meetings to have questions answered and raise any concerns. It is our understanding that the frontage road will have some updates but that Route 6 will not extend through to the frontage road.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34.