

WEATHERSFIELD SERVICE GROUP VI

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APRIL 27, 2018

1. President Jo Bolig called the meeting to order in the Gathering Place at 2:07 pm. Joining President Bolig were Directors Nancy Fore, Bill Moore, and Bill Simpson. President Bolig announced the untimely death of Director Ken Benjamin one day earlier. In addition Treasurer Hoyt Taylor, Secretary Timothy Gura, Historian Bob Kelley, and Berkeley Property Management Director Peggy Akers were present. The meeting was also attended by residents Paul Bolig, Dan Green, Gary Newman, David Piet, Bob Spillane, and by Berkeley Property Management Field Manager Patsy Smith. At 3:00, Kevin Giles of Criterium-Giles Engineers, Inc. joined the meeting.
2. Before taking up the published agenda, President Bolig invited the attending residents to address the Board. Inasmuch as the death of Director Benjamin left the Architectural Committee without a chair, Bob Spillane reported his request for permission to install a TV dish on the back of the roof at 536 and to install a railing on its existing back deck. The Board unanimously approved the request.
3. Resuming the published agenda, President Bolig asked that—in the future—committee chairs provide general summaries of their reports for inclusion in the published agenda so that residents know what issues will be scheduled for discussion. It was then moved and seconded to approve the minutes of meeting of March 23. The motion passed without dissent.
4. President Bolig advised the Board that Bill Kearney had agreed to fill the newly vacant position on the Board, and to chair the Architectural Committee and the Buildings and Street Maintenance Committee. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by the By-Laws, it was moved and seconded that Bill Kearney be appointed to the Board to fill the unexpired term (until November, 2019) and to assume chairmanship of the specified Committees. The motion was unanimously approved.
5. No questions about the Manager's Report provided by Peggy Akers were raised.
6. Treasurer Hoyt Taylor reported that the March financials had been posted. He responded to questions about the assignment of specific expenses to appropriate categories. There were no further questions.
7. President Bolig invited Field Manager Patsy Smith to address some concerns raised by neighbors about the trees and landscaping in 530-539 close. She provided the specific details about the continuing work required to remedy the dead or dying Leyland cypress tree tunnel at the entrance to the close, a continuing problem first raised by the professional arborists with Davey Tree Company in the fall of 2014.

Over the intervening fifty-four months, WSG has spent a total of \$7625 addressing the problem, culminating with the removal of the trees and the grinding of the stumps in February, 2018, which accounted for \$2825 of the total expenditure. She described the general protocol for handling all issues with trees and with landscaping, and the specific details for recording all expenses and noting their attendant uses in each close. Residents David Piet and Gary Newman both asked that these records be made accessible to any interested residents. There was some discussion about the most efficient methods of achieving such fuller transparency, and the Board agreed to consider ways to make these details available to reduce misinformation and minimize inaccurate rumor.

8. President Bolig asked Kevin Giles of Criterium-Giles Engineers, Inc., who had distributed a draft report of the Reserve Study, to respond to questions. He affirmed that he recommended replacement of garage roofs as the most immediately pressing need they had discovered. They prioritize their recommendations with life safety as most important, then material protection, and then the avoidance or minimizing of future expense. Many Board members raised various concerns, among which were: a) had the report accurately included all reserve contributions? b) were not some significant expenses unique or unlikely to recur frequently? c) how flexible was the timetable for specific actions suggested by the report?

Giles responded that the draft report was ready for corrections, emendations, and revisions. It was moved and seconded to establish a special committee to review the report and its details, and to provide Criterium,-Giles with specific areas for reconsideration. Director Moore agreed to chair this ad-hoc committee, assisted by members Dan Green, Bill Kearney, Bob Kelley, Bob Sydell, and Hoyt Taylor. The motion creating this committee and establishing its membership passed unanimously. Director Moore promised to present their findings as soon as possible. Giles agreed to incorporate their recommendations in the next revision.

9. The <weathersfieldsg.org> site continues to expand its offerings.

10. Director Fore reported that the stumps in the 530-539 close had been ground down and that the neighbors were considering design possibilities for replanting. Mulching has been completed through Weathersfield. Winterkill was probably responsible for most of the 10 service requests, and definitely the cause of one large replacement.

11. President Bolig reported that, in addition to the request from Bob Spillane which the Board addressed earlier in the meeting, there had been a request from the new resident at 587 to adjust the height of the front stoop. Berkeley Property Management would determine what the building code permits.

12. Director Simpson reported that the Seagroves Agency had provided useful information--now posted on the website--to assist residents who may need to adjust their HO6 policies.

13. Director Moore raised the emerging concerns with the status of storm sewers through Weathersfield. His committee was actively exploring three allied issues:

- a) optimal procedures for treating storm water drainage;
- b) how well prepared we are for emergency flooding;
- c) consulting with Ruppert and RLT about the most effective ways of maintaining existing drains.

He promised to report the committee's finding to the Board in the near future.

14. With the imminent departure of Zana Taurianen, President Bolig needed to replace one vacancy on the Nominating Committee she chairs. Shirley McLaughlin has agreed to join incumbent Betsy Green to complete the roster.

15. President Bolig reminded the Board that the next meeting would be on Friday, May 25, in the Gathering Place, from 2-4 pm.

16. At 4:40 pm, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The motion passed without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Gura, Secretary
May 1, 2018