

MINUTES OF THE 4TH QUARTER BLHA BOARD MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2018  
AT PHIL KRASON'S HOME, SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN.

Greg, called the meeting to order at 8:05 PM.

Six members of the Board (Greg Gilbert, Craig Hawkins, Phil Krason, Terri Singelyn-Jarosz, Jason Stratton and Ginny Webster-Smith) were in attendance.

Greg welcomed the new members to the Board and provided an overview of the functions and operating procedures of the Board. The minutes from the 8/16/2018 Board meeting and the 10/25/2018 Membership meeting, which were provided to the Board members for review, were discussed and approved.

Ginny reviewed the 2018 financial data and provided copies of the P&L report as of 12/5/2018. All accounts are in the black. However, for the 3 accounts combined, expenses exceeded income by \$6371.78. We still have one long-term outstanding lien. Terri will investigate taking appropriate legal action.

The Board discussed the apathy of the membership and the increased outsourcing due to the lack of volunteers. The 2019 General Membership dues will remain at \$100; the early bird credit will be lowered from \$50 to \$25. The Board approved waivers for Committee Chairpersons and members supplying water for the common areas. The Lake Maintenance dues will be carryover from 2018 - \$175 for Bannister Lake and \$390 for Hawkins Lake.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The 2018 social event, known as the Car Show, will become known as the Block Party in 2019. This will hopefully clarify to the members that you don't have to be interested in cars to come have fun with your neighbors. We need to host at least one or two additional neighborhood social events. We will seek suggestions from the social committee and Jason will create a Facebook survey to find out which events our members are interested in.

Our members that have the high-visibility fiberglass sticks along the front of their lawn will be beneficial when it snows this winter. With the larger trucks used by our primary snow contractor, and our low profile curbs, it is impossible for plow drivers to know where the curb is without the markers. We again have a secondary contractor with smaller trucks to do additional snow cleanup in specific problem areas. If the markers are in place, the contractors will be responsible for any lawn and sprinkler damage caused by their drivers.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The annual Christmas Lighting Contest will be held again this year. On December 19<sup>th</sup> our Board will judge the lights of our neighbors in Franklin Meadows and they will judge ours on the same date.

As mentioned during the General Membership meeting, the Macomb County Department of Roads (MCDR) will eventually clear residential streets in the event of a heavy snowfall. However, we believe our members deserve better and will continue to contract our snow removal.

The stop sign on Kramer at Watkins has been pushed over. Temporary repairs were made by Greg before the ground froze. As weather permits, Craig will initiate permanent repairs.

The security cable on the Watkins/Ben Franklin Trail Cam has been replaced. The Bannister/Hunter camera is operating as intended. We hope to install a third camera at Kramer/Evergreen in the near future.

Our website is obsolete and no longer supported. Jason will create a new website using current technology.

This is the second year we hired a contractor to light the front entrance for the holidays. We believe our members should again take over this function and make it into a fun event. Greg will email Board to take down lights.

A Winter Newsletter addressing current member issues will be mailed with the dues invoices in early January. Any additional issues should be submitted to Phil prior to December 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Board agreed that our off-site storage facility should be renewed for 2019.

We only have one live NestCam in operation. Location for the second NestCam is on hold.

We have not received enough ballots to approve or reject the proposed restrictions amendment. A follow-up reminder will be sent to members who haven't voted. Jason will create a specific email address for on-line submission. We will target to get consensus before the end of the month.

The Board Manual worksheets will need to be revised since responsibilities have changed. The Board member with primary responsibility will do the revisions prior to our next meeting.

The sign-in Sheet/Roster will be updated by Phil and emailed to the Board members by December 21st.

The first quarter 2019 Board Meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at Greg Gilbert's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 PM.