

**Southern Hills Community Improvement District
January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm
St James Church
2645 East Southern Hills Blvd
Springfield, MO 65804**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Carl Price at the St. James Church, 2645 E. Southern Hills Blvd, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Carl Price, Justin Foss, Gail Noggle, Jane Earnhart, Denise Heintz, John Heitz

Absent: None

Excused: Jeffrey Fenwick

Guests: Refer to attached sign in sheet

The various documents discussed were provided to the CID Board Members via email prior to the meeting for their review.

New Business

Approve Meeting Minutes of 10/30/2018 - Denise Heintz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Justin Foss, and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carl Price, Justin Foss, Gail Noggle, Jane Earnhart, Denise Heintz. Nays: none. Abstain: none (John Heitz arrived shortly after this vote)

Tree Trimming and Brush Removal – Carl Price presented a summary of

John Heitz made a motion, that was seconded and amended by Denise Heintz to include priorities, the motion is to continue the discussion on trimming and clean up, and to proceed with such as funds become available and scope of work is defined. The priority for funding is to first cover the cost of Solitude lake treatments for calendar year 2019, then trim and clean up the areas of Lake 1 (top), Lake 2 (middle), and Lake 3 (bottom), in that order. The motion was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carl Price, Justin Foss, Gail Noggle, Jane Earnhart, Denise Heintz, John Heitz. Nays: none. Abstain: none

Debris Trap – Bob Smith and Carl Price presented a summary of the City's proposal for a debris trap on the upstream end of Lake 1. The intent is to catch debris (leaves, trash, etc.) before storm water flows into the top lake. Bob and Carl noted they feel it is the city's responsibility to install the trap, but do not have a clear understanding on who will be responsible for maintenance (removing debris as it becomes trapped). Bob will continue coordinating with the city.

Old Business

Solitude Lake Management – status – Justin provided a summary.

The projected cost for treatments in 2019 is \$13,776. The treatments will occur twice per month in warm months, and once per month December through February.

Financial Update – status - Gail Noggle provided a summary.

Central Bank of the Ozarks – Checking Account status – Current balance \$6,081.26. Refer to the attached handout. Another deposit of tax revenue is expected around January 17th. The total projected annual tax revenue is approximated at \$45,000 +/-.

CFO Account - Carl Price noted the current balance in the CFO account is \$8,376.75. Neighbors may continue to make donations to the CFO, and it is tax deductible. We are required to maintain a minimum balance of \$1,000 to keep the account active.

Line of Credit – We have spent \$15,150 from the line of credit. We are making interest-only payments at this time.

Budget – The Board intends to hire a professional accountant to review the books, annually (or possibly quarterly). We are required to submit an annual report to the State (Nicole Galloway). The accountant decision was tabled for future discussion.

John Heintz made a motion to approve the financial report, seconded by Justin Foss, and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carl Price, Justin Foss, Gail Noggle, Jane Earnhart, Denise Heintz, John Heitz. Nays: none. Abstain: none.

Signage – Denise Heintz provided a summary of the effort to date. The artwork is completed for the Board to review the style and text. Once artwork revisions are complete, the proposed signage will be presented at a future Board meeting. There will be two signs per lake. There may be an opportunity for smaller signs (at an additional cost) to delineate the CID boundary.

CID Website – Justin provided a summary of the website work. The website is:

www.SouthernHillsNeighborhood.com

The website is fully functional. Justin will be adding more blog content and information from this evening's presentations. Bob can provide photos of the debris removal. Justin will compose a blog to request email addresses from neighbors.

Presentation

Lawn Care, Best Management Practices - Staff from James River Basin Partnership, Brent Stock, presented on how to make the lakes last longer (cleaner) via lawn care. Handouts attached.

- Key items to do are: keep all bare soil covered; use caution with nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen); test lawn soil to know what amendment you do (and don't) need.
- He encouraged aerating the lawns and over-seeding to improve cover.
- Reminded everyone not to mow too short.
- Don't blow leaves and lawn clippings in the street (it gets to the lakes).
- Encouraged a vegetated barrier along the lake perimeter to filter and absorb nutrients before reaching the lake.
- Watch for Hydrilla (invasive plants from fish tank dumping).
- Encouraged soil testing now to be ready for Spring.

Geese Management - Staff from Missouri Department of Conservation, Josh Wisdom, presented non-lethal strategies on geese management. He cautioned everyone that there is no one silver bullet, you have to be prepared to use multiple strategies. A couple of items included stringing fishing line (filament) at 6" and 18" above the ground. The geese won't see it, but it will be a perceived barrier to them when they walk into it. You are allowed to harass them, but not physically hurt them. You can try noise, motion, or remote control toy boats. They get used to things, so you must change it up often. Habitat modification - creating a natural barrier approximately 2' high, and about 25' from the edge of the lake into the adjacent property is a good deterrent. During laying season, coat the eggs with cooking oil to keep them from maturing. This will require that you register with the Fish & Wildlife Service, but it is simple to do.

Other business

The next CID meeting will be in the Spring. There may be email votes in the meantime to approve items, as needed, prior to the meeting.

Adjourn – With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m. John Heitz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Denise Heintz, and approved by the following vote: Ayes: Carl Price, Justin Foss, Gail Noggle, Jane Earnhart, Denise Heintz, John Heitz. Nays: none. Abstain: none.

Action Items for Board Members to complete:

Carl Price – chair responsibilities

Gail Noggle – treasurer responsibilities

Justin Foss – maintain the website, coordinate with Solitude

Denise Heintz – coordinate signage

John Heitz – coordinate upper lake clean up

Jeffrey Fenwick – coordinate geese management

Jane Earnhart – secretary responsibilities, and begin compiling data for grant preparation

Minutes prepared by: Jane Earnhart, Secretary, Southern Hills CID