

Tiffany Park Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2012 – 7PM
Roenicke Home

The steering committee was called to order by President Laura Silbernagel at 7:02pm.

Those attending were Laura Silbernagel, Marina Higgins, Bill Roenicke, Donna Thorkildson, and Amy Thomas. Those unable to attend were Pam Carino, Clint Maurer, Bob Garhough, and Lisa Brines.

Discussion Points

1. Discussion and approval of minutes from November meeting.
Those members present acknowledged receipt of meeting minutes. Donna moved to approve them as written, Marina seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer's Report
Bill reported an account balance of \$1,017.70 in savings and \$166.32 in checking. He had purchased enough weed spray to use for the summer.
3. City Repairs
Bill has written to the city, pictures included, to ask for appropriate signage at the curves coming down 16th that was discussed last meeting. The neighbor where the sign will go has agreed and has a copy of the letter. Norma McQuiller has agreed to represent us. Bill hopes to hear from the city soon.
4. Annual Meeting
Laura would like to postpone the annual meeting to June when the Tiffany Park building is open for use. She has looked in the bylaws and noted that the meeting should be held in March of each year or as soon as possible thereafter. Bill moved to have the meeting take place in June, Donna seconded, and the motion was passed. Laura will try to coordinate the date to be Wednesday June 6th at 7pm.
5. Newsletter
As soon as the date is confirmed for the annual meeting the newsletter will be drafted. Also to include in the newsletter is the date of the picnic – we are shooting for Thursday July 12th. It was also discussed to include an additional envelope with the newsletter asking for neighbors to send in their money to become members of TPNA. Hopefully this will increase membership.
6. Ginger Creek Park
 - a. Bill has spoken with Norma about getting the water bill waived for the winter months. Norma stated that other communities have tried to do this but to no avail. It was noted that perhaps we could apply for a small grant to pay for the water.
 - b. There was a car that crashed into the park creating damage. Bill has talked to Norma and she noted that perhaps the city attorney could help in claiming damages. It was a younger woman who had been drinking that had crashed her car at approximately 60mph into the park. No alcohol test was done and she had to be cut from the car. A large rock was moved about 30 feet and there was much damage to the ground and bushes. Bill has worked on removing glass and debris from the area.
 - c. Laura has lots of newspapers if they are needed to cover the ground for weed control. Bill noted we will wait and see how the current covering goes and assess later whether or not we'll need to do more.
 - d. The picnic table has been installed and finished.

- e. Laura noted we need larger bags for the dog poop and will order them.
 - f. It was noted there have been lots of volunteer hours at the park, a large portion of which is from individuals, not just work parties. This should help in the future in getting grants from the city.
 - g. Bill is working on weed control.
 - h. Bill still would like to raise the rocks but more dirt is needed to do so. Hopefully during the summer.
 - i. Laura noted that her grandson can help volunteer when needed and Donna noted Steven would help as well.
 - j. Bill is on the lookout for a grass spray that only kills grass.
7. Grants
- a. Laura will apply soon for the \$506 communications grant for the newsletter. This grant keeps TPNA afloat financially. Bill suggested asking members for donations to increase our cash inflow. It was agreed this could be done at the annual meeting.
 - b. Donna suggested applying for a grant for an information board at the park. Marina suggested going online to price the board and print out pictures to go along with the grant application. In coordinating with the Tiffany Park Homeowners Association we could apply for a grant to purchase three boards – one each for Ginger Creek Park, Tiffany Park, and the Little Park.
 - c. It was discussed whether or not to apply for a grant to purchase a garbage can for Ginger Creek. The conclusion was that there is nobody to empty the garbage and there is not enough money to pay someone to do it, therefore we will not apply for a grant for this purpose.
 - d. When small grants are open for application, it was suggested we apply for funds to have bouncing toys at the picnic and a tent at the cocoa and cookie event.
8. Holiday Decorating Contest
- a. Laura has pictures of the houses that won the decorating contest. An announcement will be made in the next newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Silbernagel at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Thomas, Secretary

The next steering committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1st at 7pm at Donna's home.