

**Minutes of Meeting
Glencoe Neighborhood Homeowners' Association (GNHA)
January 14, 2014 @ George Gates Home**

Attending in person: DiCarlo, Feth, Gates, Gibson, Jirousek, Verderber

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Joe Verderber.

Topics Discussed:

Ray Jirousek reported that Q1 dues have been paid except for 3 homeowners. Additional notices will be sent. There are no delinquencies from 2013. GNHA has approximately \$147,000 in CDs which will mature in November 2016, as part of total cash of about \$168,000. There is also \$39,000 in undeposited checks.

Joe Verderber reported expense and income actuals. He also presented a draft budget for 2014. Highlights of the budget are unchanged quarterly dues at \$810, inclusion of both dues and expenses for the new home at 3544 Thistle Court as of April 1, 2014, inclusion of optional grub, surface insect, aeration and overseeding as part of landscaping, and provision for "fronts only" mulching accompanied by cultivation and fertilization of all mulch beds. Jirousek moved that the budget, including the dues figure, be accepted. Gates seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. The 2013 actuals and 2014 budget will be posted on the GNHA website under the "Accounts" tab.

Ray and Joe stated they would arrange for the annual financial audit by two volunteer homeowners sometime in April. The volunteers signed up for this year are Frank Krasovek and Kathleen Mayher.

Ray informed that all there will be 7 homes restained this year. They are homes currently belonging to Arthur/Krasovek, Deighton, Gates, Georgeoff, Kasmarcak, Lojek, and Parry. All agreed what a great job J&D Painting company does. Joe agreed that he would pass on to Doug Mory the request that all the seven effected homeowners be notified well in advance that their homes will be restained this year.

Gutter Cleaning: In addition to blowing the gutters they will also be flushed out on the first spring cleaning and in the fall. Ray has been requested to get a certificate of insurance from The Window Cleaning Company, the vendor. Ray will also discuss with TWCC if they can also apply a chemical to those roofs where mold is present. This would be a homeowner expense if they opt for this service.

Dean gave a recap on tree maintenance. Dissatisfaction was expressed with the long, drawn out duration of the tree work, plus the absence of Ron Dawson from the scene when the work was being done. Dean promised to have a meeting with

Dawson to discuss our feeling about the pace and cadence of the work, and the observed performance of some of his crew.

It was noted that the homeowner at 3524 Thistle court has apparently planted something other than the replacement evergreen tree specifically promised when permission to remove an existing blue spruce was applied for and granted. Dean was asked to discuss with the homeowner the reason for this non-compliance.

It was noted that 2013 calendar year expenses for snow removal hit an all-time high of \$30,036. It was also noted that Turfscape's performance so far this snow season has earned them "attaboys" from several homeowners, passed along to them by Joe. Dean commented about what he considered to be oversalting which got up onto his porch. George Gates said he would discuss that with Turfscape. George also pointed out that this is the 3rd year of a 3 year snow contract and that a new contract will be negotiated at the end of the season.

Joe gave a thank you to Karen for arranging what turned out to be a well-attended holiday party in December. Twenty six neighbors attended. Karen also suggested two possible dates for a summer picnic. They are August 9th and 16th. Probable venue is here in the neighborhood, probably at the West Glencoe circle.

Bob Gibson's tentative plans to propose upgrades to the landscaping on the East and West Glencoe circles plus the Thistle Court island were discussed. Bob plans to develop some suggestions for alternatives to the landscaping upgrades, and to obtain at least rough cost estimates for materials and labor. The general intent is to discuss such alternatives at the next Annual Meeting in June, not with any intent of voting on them in the large assembly, but rather to sound out opinions and perhaps get an idea of yet further alternatives. Bob was asked to prepare a "dry run" of his proposed annual meeting presentation at the next trustees' meeting in April.

The next HOA meeting will be held at Joe's home at 5:00pm on April 15, 2014. The agenda will focus on the GNHA annual meeting, tentatively planned for June.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Bob Gibson
Secretary

