

## Minutes of GPOA Board Meeting November 6, 2013

Attendees: Dave Nelson, President; George Moyle, Treasurer; Bill Marshall, Secretary; Jim Huff, At Large; Patrick Feury, At-Large; Charlie Rhoads & Skip Bulkley, Architectural Covenants Committee members.

Prior to Dave Nelson officially opening the meeting, those members of the Board in attendance heard a brief presentation from Msrs. Rhoads and Bulkley regarding the existing mailbox regulations and changes to same which they sought. The Guidelines were last changed in 2010 due to an increase in the cost of materials. Charlie and Skip asked the Board to approve a new cost of one hundred and forty dollars ( \$140.00 ) for a standard one slot mail post and one hundred seventy-five dollars ( \$175.00 ) for a two-slot version. Both recommended that a copper-top be utilized on the tops of posts to thwart erosion ( to be supplied by applicant ). Emerald personnel will install a new mailbox post for a fee of \$50. Bill Marshall suggested that we also amend the specifications for street numbers to say “ Numbers must be three-four inches in height and be either black metallic, bronze or reflective materials.” The Board unanimously endorsed the proposed changes and will present the recommendations at the Annual Meeting in December.

Dave Nelson thanked the committee members for their efforts and excused them from the rest of the meeting, which was called to order at 6:20pm.

**Minutes of October Board meeting.** Jim Huff moved that we forego reading of the October Minutes and approve as was electronically mailed and reviewed by each member. Motion was seconded by Pat Feury and passed five for, none against.

**President’s Report:** Dave reported that the Fire Awareness/ Electricity meeting sponsored by the GPOA Board in October was successful from an attendance stand-point as well as feedback received. The cost of the Meeting to the GPOA was \$ 246.28 for light hors d’oeuvres and staff, as well as signage publicizing the event.

The date for the Annual Meeting has been fixed as December 4, 2013 at 6:00pm at the Emerald Clubhouse. Beer, Wine and light hors d’oeuvres will be served, as has become the custom. Ken Howser and Karen Marshall will tabulate voting results and count ballots. An e-mail utilizing the GPOA distribution list was utilized to publicize the “ Cards for Troops” initiative, as had been approved at the last Board meeting. Dave asked if the Mayor-elect and/or Alderman-elect for Ward 6 should be invited. The consensus of the Board was that they should be invited to say a few words. An updated Directory has been created with 656 addresses. We now have 363 email addresses and 472 ballots will need to be mailed.

## **Vice President – Nothing to Report**

**Treasurer's Report:** Total net worth of all assets is \$57, 284.58. All accounts except for CDs which have not matured, have been rolled over to Vantage South Bank from PNC Bank. Expense sin October were \$1,500.57. The Emergency Fudn checking account now totals \$ 15,005.56

## **Secretary – No Report**

### **Committee Reports:**

**Architectural Covenants :** Jim Huff received a complaint about and unmaintained lot on Peppercorn drive, where unlawful dumping also seems to be occurring. Jim is in the process of tracking down the owner for remediation of the problem. Inquiry as to Gazebo being built on a deck on Basil Drive, Jim will check with Skip to see if a request had been received. We are still awaiting reimbursement for Pine Valley Drive clean-up work.

**Beautification: ( submitted in absentia by Ron Garren )** The Bushhogging has been completed along Greenbrier Parkway to the power lines as was contracted to be done by Kut-Rite lawn service. Joey Whitesell of Universal Landscaping has identified ten trees for removal in the same area. A copy of the \$1,200 invoice from Cut-Rite has been forwarded to the Treasurer for payment. Universal Landscaping has begun the work awarded them for clearing the area around the pond in the park. Ron request to increase the budget for beautification of the fornt entrance was rejected 0 for, 5 against.

**Emerald Advisory Committee Liaison -** Patrick Feury reported that the Emerald ownership believes the make-over of the greens has exceeded their expectations. The new Bermuda grass is entering dormancy. The Emerald has been applying a new application to cart paths that also shows promise for mitigating the cracks and bumps.

**Emergency Management:** Dave wanted to take a bow for navigating us through the recent Hurricane season unscathed. Kudos to Dave.

**Nominations-** We remain with three viable candidates for the three open positions on the GPOA Board to be decided at the Annual Meeting. Patrick will re-write the cover letter, and when complete, will solicit fellow Board members and other willing parties to assist in the envelope –stuffing and mailing of the ballots, along with candidate profiles and the proposed 2014 Budget.

**Financial** Don Brinkley was unable to attend, so in his stead Bill Marshal made the following motion: “Move to accept the 2014 GPOA Budget as agreed upon at the October meeting, for presentation to the General Membership at the Annual Meeting to be held on December4, 2013” The motion was seconded by Jim Huff, and passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Feury at 7:25 pm. It was seconded by Bill Marshall and all were in favor of adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Marshall, Secretary