

Oakmont Minutes – February 19, 2008

Attendees: Pat Mazuzan, Treasurer; Barbara Moskowitz, Secretary; Ase Sewall, Accountant

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

- Available funds are \$91,191.43
- We continue to get two Pepco bills – one for streetlights and the other for Daley Lane. Pat will call Pepco about consolidating into a single bill.
- We will look into getting our checks directly deposited into our bank account.

NIH/Suburban Hospital

- Marilyn was unable to attend tonight's meeting because she was at a BRAC meeting.
- The January meeting of the NIH Liaison Committee was cancelled due to snow.
- Suburban is beginning again to have its community meetings; the next one is March 12.

Website

Barbara provided directions on how Committee members sending out blast email to the town can approve the email themselves. This will speed the process of getting the email out more quickly.

Town Charter

The Charter amendment to increase the dollar amount that can be spent without requiring competitive bids is going through the necessary approval process in the State legislature. It is bill number HB945. Approval is not expected to be a problem.

Building Ordinance

Prior to having the town vote on the ordinance at the April meeting, we need to have it reviewed by an attorney. Barbara will arrange this with the firm of Knopf and Brown.

Concrete Project

We need to begin the process of getting bids to replace driveway aprons. In addition to those we already identified for replacement, we have gotten one additional request, which we agreed to honor. Pat has the name of one company that can bid the project. Barbara will seek others.

New Business

New Construction at 5606 Oak Place

Doug Monsein, the builder for this property and for 5616 Oak Place, came to the meeting to show us plans:

- Excavation starts this week or early next
- The house will cover 30% of the lot (Montgomery County allows 35%)
- It's 29.5 feet high at mid-point (allowed is 30' to mid point or 35' to peak)
- It's 43' from the street in front and 50' from the back line (both within limits)
- There are three dry wells on the property to deal with excess run-off

Town Meeting

The town meeting will be April 8 at Arylawn at 7:30. Agenda will include: Budget, election, NIH/Suburban report, Charter change, Building ordinance, picnic, and concrete projects. We will have two \$25 gift certificates as door prizes.

Bethesda Green

An organization, Bethesda Green, is forming to make businesses in Bethesda more ecologically friendly. It is looking for support from residents and neighborhood groups, and we agreed we are interested in providing whatever support we can, although it is not yet clear what form that support will take. We will pass out information at the town meeting.

Picnic

The picnic this year will be Saturday, September 13 with the rain date on the 14th.

Action Items

1. Barbara will send the Ordinance to Andrew Strongin at the firm of Knopf and Brown for review; provide Pat with the name of companies who can bid on the concrete project; and get two \$25 gift certificates.
2. Pat will contact Pepco about consolidating bills, see about getting direct deposit on our bank account, and get bids for concrete project.

The next town meeting is Tuesday, March 11.