

# ***Village in Burns Harbor POA***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

August 9, 2018

7:30pm

Meeting Facilitator: Melissa Hamilton

Invitees: Names of Invitees

- I. Call to order Melissa Hamilton 7:26
- II. Roll call Melissa Hamilton, Steve Wisneski, Kerry Skeffington, Sarah Oudman, John Hicks, Janice Wisneski
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Kerry Skeffington, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Wisneski
- IV. Open issues
  - a) Melissa spoke with Renee regarding Liability and or Rental Forms for renting Triangle and Gazebo Park. Kerry commented that Coffee Creek Watershed has forms online and can check into the forms and insurance policy that was required to be purchased by renter. We will hold off on contacting the Village attorney until after more research is done by the POA to avoid excess fees.
  - b) AirBnB and Long- Term Rentals- Kerry stated that she is not in favor of having homes that are available only for short-term rentals. There is currently nothing in the Covenant that states short-term rentals aren't allowed. Melissa feels that they can be a good thing and that our area isn't one that would call for a large amount of short-term rental properties. Sarah stated that there is something going through Indiana State Legislature that may not allow POAs to bar short-term rentals. It was decided to have the issue up for a vote for all Members in November pending legislation.
  - c) Signage- The 4X4 Welcome sign on the West side of the entrance will be replaced. Village Land Company and Traditions have asked the POA to contribute to the new sign. It would have a Message board on the back that could have messages about upcoming events. The sign may be moved from its current position to an area with better visibility. Sarah will resend picture of the VARC approved sign. Sarah asked about the One-way sign for Village Square. It was ordered in May. Melissa will check with Renee to see if signs were delivered. Village Land Company and

Traditions would like to have directional signs placed on the back of the stop sign at Clifford Way and Chesterfield. The signs would direct people to the Leasing Office and Village Land Co. office.

- d) Pond Maintenance- John Hicks stated that IGC is willing to care for the pond through the next year. He said that last year IGC did not do the normal cattail maintenance to the pond because of weather. He will send Melissa the information about the company that he uses to do algae testing.
- e) Playground park maintenance- Steve was able to tighten some loose screws and has checked into replacing the broken caps. The price quoted by the Manufacturer was \$200 for 6. They only make them with steel now and not the plastic. Steve will check into other options.
- f) Daniels Court is looking much better!
- g) Triangle Park- The sprinkler repair is still waiting on a part to be finished. Renee was able to speak to someone at Indiana American Water. They said they missed her earlier communications and will expedite the repair. Sarah brought up doing a Common Gathering Area. It was part of the original plan for Triangle Park. Several possibilities were mentioned. There will need to be money worked into the Budget for any projects.
- h) Website- A discussion on the merits of Squarespace Do It Ourselves @ \$12-18 per month vs WordPress. This would be the common area that all neighborhood information such as The Covenants, VARC information, events, agendas, etc. can be stored and shared. It was decided more research needed to be done. Janice Wisneski offered to check into and Kerry said she would look at previously shared information.

#### V. New business

- a) Gazebo Bulletin board repair- Renee has contacted the company and is looking into the glass replacement. If the company that made the Message Board doesn't have a replacement, we will try to have a local company see if they are able to replace it.
- b) Temporary Speed Bumps. This could be a solution to the speeding problem. They can be screwed into the ground, come in several different sizes and types. John Hicks stated he has used them and thinks they are a good idea. He can recommend a company. Melissa will check with Chief Heckman to see if he has recommendations on what type we could use and where they could be placed. Melissa will also check with the street department to see if we can install them.

- c) Naming of Alley. Sarah brought up possibly naming the alleys in The Village. She stated that it may with safety because currently GPS systems do not display the correct information about Harbor Way. There is a street tax that is allotted by the state and The Town of Burns Harbor may receive funds to help maintain them. Janice Wisneski questioned if naming the Alleys might cause tax issues for The Village. Sarah said she will do more research.
- d) Art Classes for kids will be taught by Jen Martin one Sunday a month at Traditions Clubhouse. Children will only have to pay for the supplies. A schedule is pending.
- e) Landscaping for The Village was discussed. Steve is currently looking into replacing David's. They are a good mowing company, but The Village needs Landscapers. Many plants need to be split and there is the possibility of using more perennials next year.

VI. Adjournment at 8:45pm by Melissa Hamilton