

Membership Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2017

The meeting was convened at 11:15 AM.

Present: 26 Voting Members and approximately 10 other community members.

1- Reading of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 30, 2017 Membership meeting were read, corrected, and accepted as corrected.

A discussion ensued over the concept of waiving the reading of minutes from past Board meetings. Dan Fast moved, seconded by Ron Arnstein, to waive the reading of Board minutes at this, and all future, Membership meetings due to them being posted on the Goldensbridge.org website and appearing in Road 4. Martha Levites made a substitute motion, seconded by Faye Lieman, to make room on the agenda of future Membership meetings for discussion of past Board minutes. In favor: all, except one opposed. Motion carried.

2- Financial:

Adam Huggard, Treasurer, gave the financial report as follows:

Bank Accounts:

M&T Bank - Operating:	\$ 129,591
M&T Savings (Scholarship Fund)	\$ 1,020
M&T Camp Account	\$ 58,399
M&T Capital Improvements	\$ 163,246
M&T Water Capital Improvement	\$ 22,803

Total: \$375,058

Adam noted that we have 5 members in arrears vs. 9 last year at this time.

Adam explained that the Board had allocated \$1600 for removal of dangerous trees. Eric Stand moved, seconded by Pearl Klainberg, to approve the expenditure of \$1600 for tree removal, with the money to come out of the Operating Account. In favor: all except one opposed. Motion carried.

3- Nominating Committee:

Georgann Stewart reported that we have one person running for each officer's seat, and 11 people running for at large positions. The floor was opened for nominations. There were no nominations from the floor, and nominations were closed at 11:50 AM.

A discussion of what to do in the event of a tie vote ensued. John Bergherr moved, seconded by Georgann, to use a coin flip to decide. In favor: 10. Opposed: 16. Motion defeated. Hannah Yates moved, seconded by Dan Fast, to let those involved decide on the method to resolve a tie vote. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn and it

was the consensus of the Membership to have the Nominating committee decide how to handle possible ties.

4- Other Committee reports:

Water:

Ron Arnstein reported that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report was available for all to read, and he urged all members to do so. Printed copies of the report were available for the taking on the table at the front of the meeting.

Camp:

Annette Kroun reported that Camp is going well, but there may be a deficit of up to \$11,000. It was noted that a similar situation existed last year at this time, and the Camp posted a surplus of \$3,000. John Bergherr moved, seconded by Jeremy Schneider, to cover a possible Camp deficit of up to \$11,000 from Community funds. Motion carried unanimously.

Beach:

Martha Levites reported that swim instruction has been excellent this year; that we have 2 excellent lifeguards and 2 mediocre life guards, who will not be re-hired.

Lake:

Rina Slavin reported that we have received a packet containing the ACOE permit. Eric Stand reported that he has contacted Pristine Waters, the contractor that was low bidder on the Lake work, and that they will be starting work in mid October. Eric also stated that the additional \$5,000 allocated by the membership for cleaning of the sand in and around the crib swimming area would probably be sufficient to clean up that space.

Senna Levy reported that there are phragmites in the lake on the Lake Street side, and that they need to be dealt with ASAP as they are an invasive species, which can spread quickly.

Roads:

Fred Margolies reported that he had spoken to some of the parents parking at the ends of the roads to pick up their children with varied success. Fred stated that the Highway Dept. was planning to do work on Hillside Ave. this coming week. He will again remind them that work on Hall Avenue and Main Street must be postponed until after Camp.

Social:

90th Anniversary Celebration: Barbara Tauber reported that it was a rousing success, with \$1600 spent out of the \$3000 budgeted.

John Bergherr reported that a Banquet committee needs to be formed if the Banquet is to happen, and a food vendor must be found. Several people volunteered, and it was suggested that the same vendor be used that did the 90th celebration. A committee was formed.

Road 4:

Gerry Sircus reported that they have sufficient material for the Fall issue, but are always looking for more material.

Sales & Legal:

Jeremy Metz reported that there was nothing new to report.

Environment::

Nedda Schoenfeld suggested that a plaque be placed at the Lake commemorating Maggie Bloom's gardening. Nedda Schoenfeld moved, seconded by Martha Levites, to have the community post a plaque for Maggie's Garden at the Lake. Passed unanimously. Martha Levites and Georgann Stewart volunteered to handle this.

Communications:

Martha Levites reported that the committee is working on a community directory, which they are hoping will be ready for the August Membership meeting.

Scholarship:

Martha Levites reported that there has been a great deal of response from John Jay H.S. students for both Scholarships, and that some excellent work has been submitted.

Good & Welfare:

It was reported that Tillie Kaplan, a long time community member passed away last week. The community offers their condolences.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary.