

ARMOUR HILLS HOMES ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors' Meeting
July 21, 2009

Present

Maya Coopersmith
Mary (Hand) Yzon
Mary Hutchison
David Pucci
Andy Snyder
Margaret Taylor

Absent

Steve Parker

Guests

Peter Egan
Craig Kuhn
Sadie Johnson
Officer Munson, KCPD
Officer Lynch, KCPD

Mary welcomed the officers and asked if they would like to address the Board. Officer Munson said they were here to get acquainted and to answer any questions. Generally crime is down in our neighborhood as a result of the apprehension of two burglars.

Mary called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and asked if everyone had reviewed the June Minutes. Maya moved that they be approved as submitted; David seconded; motion passed. The agenda wasn't followed in exact order since Pete and Sadie had asked to be put at the top of the list.

Arbor Villa Park:

Pete said he wanted to report on the changes at the park. Dave Burke is no longer supervising Arbor Villa Park as he has been transferred to the Center Zone. Gene Kotlinski is now supervisor. Tammy Tritico, Parks & Rec., is in charge of the pool. However, every day management of the pool has been turned over to Midwest Pool Management Company, St. Louis, but Tammy still oversees operation of the pool.

The pool was closed on July 11 for re-painting and re-opened July 15. There was mixed reaction to the new color of the pool--blue. Pete also advised that while the pool would be open until 6:00 p.m., they begin draining it at 5:00 p.m. This is not a problem since the pool drains very slowly.

The rough spots on the bottom of the pool still need to be taken care of and Pete was advised that this would cost \$4,000 and there was no budget for this. Pete asked if the Homes Association would contribute \$2,000, would they be able to take care of this--the answer was yes. After a brief discussion, Andy moved that we contribute \$2,000; Margaret seconded; motion passed. Contribution will not be made until next spring and not until we are certain that repair to bottom of pool will be made.

Pete also advised that Jennifer Beaven, who lives across from the park and utilizes the pool almost daily, would be willing to handle any day-to-day problems and keep the board advised during pool season next year.

Finally, Pete said that his Grandson, Nikolas, was policing the park and picking up trash in accordance with our agreement with him.

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Clarion:

Sadie distributed estimate for Microsoft Office Small Business 2007 Full Version software in the amount of \$303.49. Mary will check into cost of upgrade of current software. In order to avoid too much of a delay, David moved that the Board authorize expenditure of up to \$303 for new software; Andy seconded the motion; motion passed. Mary will make final decision on what software will be purchased.

Sadie advised that dead line for new Clarion will be Monday, August 10. Sadie will check with Maya on story about re-cycling systems and repairs to both fountains. She will also check with Maya about recruiting story for someone to take over Parks & Islands Committee upon Maya's retiring at the end of the year.

Code Enforcement:

Mary reported that she and Margaret responded to complaint about unusual tree house in back yard at 104 East 70th. Tree house is really an eyesore but does not violate our restrictions--Mary has turned this into the city to see if it violates city code. They also inspected house at 124 East Dartmouth--trash in back yard, overgrown bushes and trees touching the power line and broken fence in front. Mary commented that she has not been able to get K.C. P&L to respond to similar complaints about trees touching power lines.

David commented on house at 305 West 66th Street--southwest corner. The yard is being mowed but is full of weeds.

Crime Prevention:

Craig and Margaret attended July CPAC Meeting. Armour Hills had three thefts--all from automobiles.

Parks & Islands:

Maya cancelled the landscaping order placed with Family Tree (as approved in the last meeting) for the new island because no one on 70th Terrace is willing to do any watering to get the plants established and it is too expensive for us to hire out. Maya is thinking about just a decorative tree--but watering is still the problem. No decision made on sign for this island. Margaret suggested that since the curbing is already damaged, we get through one winter before making any decision. The city may end up taking it out--as they did the one at Meyer and Brookside Plaza.

Treasurer's Report:

David distributed Income Statement and Balance Sheet for the period ending June 30. David is thinking about whether or not we should be asking for an increase in dues--he will get some figures together for September Board Meeting.

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Activities:

The Ice Cream Social is set for Friday, September 11, this year. We will go back to the traditional Wednesday next year if we are not satisfied with the turnout.

Mary will be serving Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Lemonade and for the first time, this year we may be giving away slices of pizza. Mary will check cost but thinks \$300 will buy a lot of pizza. Also, Wacky Banana will be back. Mary has also purchased a 10-gallon drink dispenser and two large aluminum bins for bottled water--property of the Homes Association. She will also see about small exotic animals exhibit.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.