

## **Green Meadows West Board Minutes**

**2/11/10**

FINAL

**Location:** Dahl's on 86th

**Attending:**

Y - Steve Halterman

Y - Greg Knoploh

N - Gary Roth

Y - Jon Tallman

Y - Randy Brown

Y - Chuck Kuster

Y - David Williams

Y - Lynn Vorbrich

Y - Karen Wilhelm

Y - Darci Duey

**7:00 P.M.**

PRESENTATION: Johnston Little League

*Purpose:* Informational – Plans for adding two lights at the fields

Johnston Little League representatives presented information regarding their interest in adding lights to two baseball fields. The presentation explained the reasons for the new lights (program growth) plus the type of light being proposed in order to limit neighborhood impact.

The league hopes to gain the support of the GMW Board in addressing resident concerns regarding the lights and additional games at the fields. Current field use agreements between the City of Johnston and the League restrict field lights. The Johnston City Council will make the decision following discovery.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Randy Brown at 8:15 p.m.

**TOPIC: Election of 2010 Officer Slate**

The following were presented as officers for the 2010 year:

Steve Halterman – President

Dave Williams – VP

Chuck Kuster – Secretary

(OPEN) – Treasurer

**MOTION:** The motion was moved and approved

One at large position for the board remains open. Bylaws allow the Board to recruit and appoint someone to the role. Dave Williams shared that Jack Sullivan expressed interest in returning to the board.

Action: Dave W. will discuss with Mr. Sullivan.

### **TOPIC: Little League Presentation**

The Board continued discussions regarding the Johnston Little League's presentation. The general consensus was appreciation with the League's efforts to minimize impact on the surrounding community and willingness to work with GMW residents to discover and address issues. After discussion, the Board concluded it had a role in communicating the proposal with residents.

Action: Dave Williams, Jon Tallman and Chuck Kuster will coordinate information for the next GMW newsletter and the website. Plans are to (1) include information in the newsletter/website; (2) coordinate a neighborhood informational meeting; (3) consider a neighborhood survey.

### **TOPIC: Ground Committee Report**

Darci covered the highlights of the submitted report. Major projects planned include:

*Repair of the brick entrance to 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.* The structural engineer's report is complete and will provide the direction needed for proposals. Darci will be inviting bids.

*Adding more electrical capacity at the gazebo,* improved lighting and securing the power switch lights is another slated project. Again, bids will be sought.

*Prairie Burn 2010* – The Board intends to again manage a prairie burn this Spring. Efforts to coordinate with Tre' Wilson, the licensed individual who aided our efforts last year, have been difficult. Our intent is to engage Mr. Wilson in the 2010 burn, plus provide some scope direction for developing a long term plan for managing the prairie. (to help frame future burn/management bids)

Action: President Halterman asked Greg Knoploh and Chuck Kuster to form a subcommittee for these purposes. Specifically, this committee will seek input and support from residents and bring recommendations to the Board for approval and funding. **Steve will make the initial contact with Mr. Wilson to initiate steps for a 2010 burn of areas not burned in 2009.** Chuck will communicate this direction in the newsletter and on the website. Greg will serve as liaison between the Prairie committee and the Board.

*Erosion behind Weybridge* – The issue of erosion in the creek bed behind Weybridge remains a concern. Greg reported on a recent meeting he attended at City Hall regarding the Weybridge erosion and other similar problems within Johnston. An engineering study has been conducted which documented the severity of the Weybridge problem. However, Johnston has not allocated money for fixing this or other issues. The Board may want to consider an organized effort to communicate our concerns to City Hall. Chuck is to explain the issue in the upcoming newsletter and provide a link to the engineering study on the City's website.

*Wrights Tree Contract Expiration* – Darci reported that our three-year agreement with Wrights Tree Service expires on November 1. Hence, the Board will need to again seek proposals.

### **TOPIC: Other Business**

*CDs* – Information regarding the maturation of CDs and re-investment of same was shared.

*Sandbox Safety* – A follow-up question was raised regarding a homeowner's email regarding sandbox safety at our park. The specific concern was the health risk of open sandboxes and animal fecal contamination. The topic had been discussed at a prior board meeting at which time placement of a warning sign was considered, but dismissed.

Action: A follow up response with information for parents will be included in the next newsletter.

*Next Meeting* – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Dahls Store on 86th

*Adjournment:*

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 9:27 p.m.