

PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2015

Present: Chair Bill Schmidt; Members: Jim Hilborn, Sandy Gresak Village Board liaison: Chester Pojack; Staff liaison: Steve Kalish; Staff members: Tom Bialas, Jennifer Hopwood.

Not Present: Eric McFadden, Ann Weinsheim, Bill Burger

Chairman Bill Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Minutes

February 25, 2015 minutes were approved.

Topic of Discussion – Spring “Clean Up”

1. Code Enforcement, John Tautkus is going through the Village area, by area, as much as he can while out handling resident service requests.
2. Tall grass was mentioned, but to date, there have been no reports of tall grass/weeds.
3. There have been reports of trash being left at the curb for several days. It is that time of the year; residents are cleaning their homes out. Code Enforcements job is to make sure that it isn't out “too early” for normal pick up. As well as making sure the cans are brought back in a timely fashion. Jim Hilborn stated that there are several locations where the residents are leaving their cans out for a few days. Sandy Gresak added there is a group in her neighborhood that does take out their trash early and leaves it out for a few days regularly, but that her Association does leave notices.
4. There has been a rash of electronics being left out. Code Enforcement is/will issue notices. Trustee Pojack asked what are they supposed to do if they see a TV out. The committee talked about recycling locations, there is one in West Chicago, Carol Stream and there is a Village Green Team event this weekend. The Police Community Service Officers help out a lot with this task issuing violation notices.
5. Exterior rubbish, Community Development is actively following up multiple calls regarding tires, mattresses and furniture being left out on the side or in the back yard of people's homes. Items in the backyards are documented by callers in the area calling in a service request and they are given to John Tautkus for inspection.
6. Trash corrals – Shorewood, Emerald Hills, Stonegate, Century Point and Stratford Trails complexes are all maintaining their corrals well. Some required ticketing at first, but are cleaning the actual corral areas regularly at this time.
7. Recycling Containers – Sandy Gresak mentioned that the recycling containers tend to get over full. Steve Kalish mentioned that the containers at Century Point ideally should be inside but they need to rebuild their corrals.
8. Trees – Tom Bialas reported that the Village has worked on removing all the ASH trees with the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)- hazardous and/or dead, so now residents with hazardous/dead trees

including ASH with the EAB will start to receive notice that their trees will need to be removed. Community Development is currently keeping an active list of the properties that are given notice, so that follow-ups may occur and tickets issued as necessary. Tom Bialas did state that there was tree n Sidney that had been put on notice and when he went back to check on the property the tee had already been removed. So the residents are aware and word has gotten out that the Village is actively working on the hazardous tree situation. Jim Hilborn asked if it was ok to cut the parts of your neighbors tree that hang over the proper tine onto his property. Tom Bialas responded with yes you are able to. Sandy Gresik asked if there was ever a situation where a tree is too large for the area that it is in. She stated there is a tree in her neighbor's yard that has roots popping out of the ground, and the branches have broken her window and air conditioner. Tom Bialas, said the ordinance is specifically about hazardous and dead trees. Now that the leaves are starting to come in it will be easier to identify the dead trees. Also with gusty wind days, branches will start to come loose. Foreman/Arborist Chuck Dymbrowski is currently assisting the Community Development Department with identifying hazardous trees in the Village. Real Estate Transfer/Rental and Property maintenance inspections include the trees; identifying those that need to be removed as part of compliance on the property.

9. Christmas Decorations – Per the Village ordinance all decorations need to be removed by April 1st. Jim Hilborn stated there are some houses that would like to leave all year. Sandy Gresik asked if this means all holiday decorations, including Easter and so forth. Steve Kalish replied yes it is a time line of 90 days.
10. Shopping Centers – during business license inspections, the inspectors are checking the trash corrals. Sandy Gresik asked if lights around the windows were checked as well. Steve responded the Village does not report burnt out lighting on a report. Tom Bialas added if the actual fixture is broken, yes it is noted in the inspection notes, but burnt out lights are also not noticeable during the day sometimes when the inspections are being performed. Steve Kalish, Spraying Systems really does a nice job with their property. Tony Rickard has been inspecting and communicating with Hibachi Grill on addressing their trash corrals, the fire lane area as well as the lighting in the back of the building.

Topic of Discussion – Miscellaneous Items

1. Previously Wendy's property on Army Trail Road – Sandy Gresik asked if there was anything happening with that property occupancy wise, as the garbage corral there has a broken gate and there is a lot of debris and trash that looks like it could possibly be dangerous.
2. Previously Sports Authority property on Army Trail – Trustee Pojack asked what was slated for the property as he saw people there over the weekend with a jackhammer working on the front sidewalk. Tom Bialas said he wasn't sure but expected plans for the property that he had gone by there today and they were power washing.
3. Sandy Gresik asked if a resident may park a work vehicle in a driveway all night. Steve Kalish advised, yes a van such as Comcast may park in their driveway all night. Tom Bialas added that it depends on the type of license plate of the vehicle. This led to conversation regarding the junk/scrapper vehicles/trucks. Steve Kalish explained that these vehicles are

usually small enough to be in a driveway. The truck must be empty. The scrapped items need to be emptied before returning home for the night.

1. ***Properties mentioned by staff for John Tautkus to address:***
 - a. 2005 Bloomingdale Road – a portion of the fence is leaning.
 - b. 773 Marilyn – gutter and soffit is hanging above the garage
 - c. 778 Marilyn #1B – batteries/propane tanks and second grill stored on their back patio.
 - d. Terry Road – is the swing still on the parkway tree?
 - e. 743 Marilyn – basketball hoop is back at the curb and kids play in the street.
 - f. Fences all over, particularly by Trustee Pojack's home, are in bad condition. Steve Kalish said that fences are part of the maintenance code and need to be addressed.
2. Tom Bialas ended by stating that all complaints are addressed as staff drives around each day throughout the Village.

Next Meeting: May 27th, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM