

PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2015

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

Not Present: Eric McFadden, Ann Weinsheim

Chairman Bill Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Minutes

April 22nd, 2015 minutes were approved.

Topic of Discussion – Hazardous Trees

1. Tom Bialas went over the hazardous trees: procedure for notification, reasoning and the hazardous tree list that Community Development is maintaining on notices issued. The list of was showed to the committee members. Chester stated that he had some addresses that he was going to get to Steve Kalish and Tom Bialas.
2. It was noted that the sooner the hazardous/dead trees are removed the tree inventory of the Village can begin to be replenished.
3. The Village does have a list of vendors that have agreed to work with Residents on the removal of their trees. These are companies that have had some business relations with the Village in the past and carry insurance.
4. Tree replacement Program for Village parkway trees was discussed briefly as it is overseen by Parks, Recreation and Facilities, not Community Development. Jennifer Hopwood passed out the mailings regarding the tree replacement program for the Village parkways that has been mailed to those residents that had an Ash tree (hazardous/dead) that had been removed. There are three options on the program.
5. Vacant properties with hazardous trees- the committee was asked to send in addresses they believed to be vacant properties that have hazardous/dead trees on them so that inspectors may begin enforcement. The banks will get the notice, after first notice they begin to get tickets just like occupied properties. There is a grant that may allow the Village to remove the tree and re-coup the cost from the bank when the property sells.
6. So far there are 60 trees on the list, which grows daily.
7. Since enforcement has begun, the Village has been able to get a large Willow tree taken down on Harvest as well as 37 trees in the Century Point subdivision.
8. Bill Burger asked if there are any species that are banned by the Village. There was no common knowledge of this, but Jennifer Hopwood did state that the Village follows the state wide ban on certain vegetation and tree species.
9. Steve Kalish spoke about the commercial and multi-family complexes that have or beginning to remove their hazardous trees from the property.

Topic of Discussion – Tall Grass & Weeds

1. The code on tall grass/weeds is 8 inches in Glendale Heights. This does apply to dandelions if they are covering majority of the yard.
2. Police CSO's are assisting with the issuance of code violation notices, the inspectors follow up on the property if non-compliance after initial notice.
3. There was a picture of a home that was used an example of how the rental and real estate transfer inspection program assists with all aspects of property maintenance code adherence. The property pictured was a prime example of owners maintaining the front yard, but neglecting the back. When owners do not maintain backyards, the Village relies heavily on resident service requests and Village inspections to make sure the property is maintained.
4. Bill Berger informed Community Development inspector Steve Kalish that he had called the hospital to inform them that their property needs to be cut. The area in question is on the outside (south) of the fence line, south of the retention pond near the dead end on Jill Court. This area backs up to Dickens. (North Dickens/Jill Court/Wayne area). He stated there was an issue last year as well and had to call to notify them. Steve said that the Village would make contact to take care of the situation. *Bill Berger called back after meeting to inform that the grass had been cut.*
5. The Village has been very vigilant in keeping on top of the tall weeds/grass; Inspector John Tautkus has been out in all areas of the Village.
6. Vacant properties need to be cut – the committee was asked to send address of those properties that are believed to be vacant so that inspectors may address.
7. Parkways seem to be getting cut. Previously there were times when residents cut their lawns but not the parkways and notices needed to be written. Sandy Gresak mentioned there had been one on Gladstone, but it had been cut before the meeting.

Topic of Discussion – Miscellaneous Discussion

1. There is an Antonio's Pizza sign that has been attached to the construction fence at the corner of Army Trail Road and Bloomingdale Road. ***John Tautkus spoke with the owner of Antonio's and the signs were removed.***
2. The parkway in front of Jewel and Jimmy Johns on Bloomingdale Road has Bloomingdale youth sports signs. ***John Tautkus had signs removed.***
3. Jewel parking lot has cars for sale parked overnight. Village will contact Jewel to give notification. Need to call Shopping Center Management. ***John Tautkus had Police Department ticket the two vehicles 7 day notice was sent to RMS Properties to have vehicles removed.***
4. Public Hearing Notice in front of Jewel – print to small. ***The Public Hearing Notice was due to be removed; John Tautkus had Mark Herman make a courtesy call to Business to notify to have removed.***
5. Marilyn & Liberty – there is a parkway tree that has a hanger in it. Need to notify Foreman Chuck Dymbrowski of Parks Division. ***John Tautkus sent an email to Chuck Dymbrowski, Lead Foreman for Parks Division to check the parkway tree.***
6. 2165 Whitman & Dillon – the gutter down spout runs through the yard and out to street. ***John Tautkus went to investigate, there is no such address. The area around the intersection was inspected and could not find correct location.***

7. 2200 Gladstone Court – in the office parking lot there is a dumpster in the back area that has trash piled all around the dumpster and in the corral. ***John Tautkus issued a violation notice to the management company for sanitation.***

Next Meeting: June 24th, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM