



Maple Arches Neighborhood Association
Lincoln Elementary School
March 20, 2013
6:15 P.M.

Roll:

Brad Ellis X
Beth Nadolski Spears X
Kris Michell X
Diane Mulroney X
Joe Vanidestine X
CSI Jamie Wozniak _____
Mark Steuer _____

Open Forum

Order of Business:

Approval of March 20, 2013 Agenda

Motion made by Brad and seconded by Diane to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Approval of minutes from February 20, 2013

Motion made by Brad and seconded by Joe to approve the minutes of February 20, 2013. Motion passed.

Reports

1. Treasurer

Expenditures since February:

Newsletter – printing, mailing, color ink printing	223.50
Brad Ellis – Hot Chocolate Social	9.31
Beth Nadolski Spears – Hot Chocolate Social	14.80
Kris Michell – Hot Chocolate Social	15.98
Kris Michell – Secretarial supplies and printing of bylaws & minutes	16.74

Current Balance \$1,307.17

2. GBNLC Monthly Update

No one attended

3. Co-Presidents

No reports

Old Business

1. Trail Clean-up Neighborhood Notification (Beth)

Discussion was held about the March 30th trail clean up date and whether or not to send out postcards. It was decided not to send out individual postcards. Some of the reasons cited:

- There is still snow on the ground and even if it were to melt in the next seven days, it will be way too wet to do clean up.
- This is the Saturday before Easter and few people will be available.
- It is unlikely, based on the previous attendance that anyone would attend other than those who worked on the last clean up.
- The newsletter indicated that more information would be forthcoming. If there is none, people would need to contact Board members or infer that the event is cancelled.

2. Bylaws (Beth)

Kris distributed the **Original** Bylaws to Board members. These do not contain any of the draft changes made by the Board during their work session last spring. Five copies were given to Beth to be on hand at all Board meetings as requested.

3. Neighborhood Watch Program – Crime Prevention Meeting Update (Beth)

Beth attended this meeting.

Currently there are 91 different gangs in Green Bay. 815 confirmed members.

4. Website Feedback (Beth)

There was positive feedback from those who had accessed the site.

Joe indicated that he compared MANA's with others and ours was definitely comparable.

Suggestion was made to add an **Update Notice**. Important updates or changes in schedules could be prominent here for neighbors to see immediately when the log-in.

5. Sign Landscaping Plan Meeting Update (Beth)

Brad, Diane, Joe, and Kris attended the meeting at the Brown County Library.

Joe had taken photos of the area and shared it with Tom, a neighborhood resident who is a professional landscaper. Tom is volunteering his expertise in designing the landscape for the area around the MANA sign. Tom took the information and will get back to us with a plan.

New Business

1. National Night Out (Beth)

Tuesday, August 6, is National Night Out. MANA will plan an event for the evening.

2. Newsletter Articles (Beth)

The newsletter will go out in April.

Articles will include:

Zero Waste (Beth)

Gang Task Force (Beth)

Website (Beth)

Green Bay water drainage ordinances and rules (Joe)

Rummage Sale of May 31 and June 1 (Brad) ----See below.

3. Landscaping Mini-Grant (Kris)

There was much discussion on not only the mini-grant application, but the entire landscaping project in general. Some items included:

Plants

Trees

Mulching

Placement and concerns with the proximity to the new trail.

Maintenance

Visual appeal

Solar lighting

Who will do the actual work

Financial planning for the development

A MANA neighbor who is a professional landscape artist is volunteering his expertise to design the landscaping.

The Board agreed that they anticipate spending about \$2,000 for the complete landscaping project.

Brad made a motion to approve the landscape project as outlined. Diane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brad made a motion to submit a mini-grant application for the landscaping project in the amount of \$500. Diane seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Diane will complete the mini-grant which is due April 1.

4. (Additional item)

The MANA Annual Rummage Sale

Based upon last year's financial report, the Board agreed to charge \$15 for neighbors to participate in the MANA Annual Rummage Sale.

For the participation fee, neighbors receive:

A MANA Sale sign for their yard

A 3-day Press-Gazette ad which advertizes the neighborhood event

Flyers to distribute to attendees with the participant's address, items for sale,
and a map of all rummage sale locations in the neighborhood.

An online posting at the Press-Gazette's website

Posting on the MANA website.

Board members were asked to review the Bylaws and bring suggested updates to the next meeting.

Schedule Additional Meeting if Necessary

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:02 with unanimous approval.

Kristine M. Michell, MANA Secretary