



Prestbury News

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August Meeting Minutes

President Al Kent called the August 9, 2011 meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced the presence of a quorum. Directors present were: Laura Fulton, Cyndi Miller, Marlene Deck, Megan Plain, Marge Roe, Dick Austin and Cheryl Bolland. Also present, Manager Mary Seego, and 3 residents.

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the July 12, 2011 minutes was made by Dick Austin and seconded by Marge Roe. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS —Jerry, Gordon, 130 N. Buckingham asked that the Board consider an exemption regarding the letter he received about his vehicle. He explained that this vehicle is an emergency vehicle. He also related all the agencies he is affiliated with. Al told him that we were waiting for a response from our attorney.

James Gibson, 136 N. Buckingham commented on the pink sheet in the last mailing. He had an objection to the attorney's fees he is expected to pay. He asked what his policy was regarding having an attorney present. Al said he'd refer his question to our corporate attorney.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – The purpose of the newsletter is to keep residents up to date with the Board proceedings. It is also a means of passing on important and pertinent information. Hopefully, the information is factual and most of the time it is. However, last month I made some statements that were incorrect. I stated that if one uses direct debit to pay the water bill there would be a savings of \$24.00 per year as each household would receive

\$1.00 credit, which I expected to see on the bill this month, after signing up for direct debit. I called The Village of Sugar Grove's Finance Office and received the following explanation:

Each household is charged a \$1.00 administration fee. Those on direct debit will receive a \$1.00 credit offsetting the charge. There will not be a \$1.00 (additional) credit on the bill. The annual savings is \$12.00.

I accepted with regret the resignation of Gary Bannister. Gary has served as treasurer for nearly six years. Gary has accomplished much during his time, including changing the accounting system, updating the methodology and changing to local banks, establishing a petty cash system and credit/debit cards. In addition, Gary has worked with each Director to help them accomplish their goals through the budget process. Gary has agreed to be a consultant to the newly elected Treasurer, Laura Fulton, as the Board begins working on the 2012 Budget. The Board is grateful to Gary for all he has done and wishes him, Martha and Simone, all the best.

After a very slow start, the second week of the Commons Project has begun. The anticipated completion date is October 30th, provided the weather cooperates.

TREASURERS REPORT – No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT – No Report

MANAGEMENT REPORT - The financial report for period ending July 31, 2011 was submitted to the Board for their review. In addition, a

delinquency report and legal update were also provided.

There were two house closings that occurred in July.

The management agreement renewal with PSI was approved and executed.

Kane County reports were submitted for the month of July.

PCA On-Site Manager Report – The PCA mailbox bank and Post office box located on the PCA office parking lot will be temporarily re-located on Winthrop New Road across the street from the pool house during the common area construction beginning in September.

Trees in the parkway must be trimmed to hang no less than 14 feet over the street to allow Waste Management trucks clearance.

Yard waste pick-up began April 6, 2011. Yard waste bags must be used. Brush and tree trimmings must be bundled and securely tied with twine or string not to exceed 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and 50-pounds in weight. Individual branches contained in a bundle shall not exceed 4 inches in diameter. Neither garbage nor waste pick-up can be placed on curbs prior to 5:00 pm on the evening preceding pick-up.

Sidewalks must be clear from branches.

Clark Environmental began spraying for mosquitoes Memorial Day weekend and will continue through Labor Day.

Homeowners with tenants living in Prestbury must comply with the current Prestbury Tenant Lease / Rental Agreement Rules & Regulations.

Residents must present their Prestbury picture identification card to enter the pool. Guest pass cards for anyone other than family members will be issued by visiting or calling the PCA office during business hours.

Commercial vehicles may not be parked in Prestbury, except for vehicles belonging to purveyors who are performing a service at a home. Commercial vehicles are defined as those licensed as commercial vehicles and/or those bearing signs or printing making reference to any commercial

undertaking or enterprise. Stretch limousines and hearses are considered to be commercial vehicles.

No trailers of any type (e.g., camping trailers, house trailers, motor homes, boat trailers) may be parked overnight on any lot, in off-street parking areas, or on Prestbury streets. Residents needing to park trailers for 24 hours for loading or unloading must contact PCA for permission.

Operation of unlicensed vehicles (e.g., snowmobiles, motor bikes, mini bikes, go carts, golf carts, all-terrain vehicles) is prohibited within Prestbury. Licensed vehicles, with the exception of service vehicles, are not allowed on common areas.

Residents should make every effort to park their personal vehicles within their garage or on their driveway.

Residents or their guests may use off-street parking areas for no longer than 48 consecutive hours. Residents or guests wishing to use off-street parking areas for longer than 48 consecutive hours must obtain permission from the PCA.

Overnight parking (1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.) on any street (including cul-de-sacs) within Prestbury is prohibited.

Owners of abandoned or immobile vehicles that are parked in off-street parking areas for longer than 48 consecutive hours will be notified and must remove those vehicles within 24 hours of notification. If not removed pursuant to notification, PCA reserves the right to tow and store such vehicles at the owners' expense. If the owner is a resident, and the associated costs of towing and storage are not immediately paid by the owner, these costs will be included in the resident's monthly assessment.

PCA assumes no responsibility for damage to vehicles parked at residences, in off-street parking areas, or on Prestbury streets.

Tennis court gate code has been changed. Contact the PCA office for the current code. Residents must present the 4 digit identification number from your Prestbury picture ID card.

If you need a replacement recycle bin, contact the PCA office.

Report all street light outages to the PCA office.

As always, updates and or useful information can be found on the Prestbury web site. www.prestbury.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Standards – No Report

Clubhouse & Office Building – We have repaired a couple of broken arms on the wooden chairs. Please remember not to sit on the arms of the chairs.

Are you trying to purge old furniture or clean out your house? We are looking for anyone interested in donating furniture or household items to the PCA office. Items of interest are a curio cabinet for the PCA Yacht Club collections and chairs or a love seat for the office. You may call Nicki at 630-466-1576. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted by, Laura Fulton

Long Range Planning – No Report

Maintenance –

MOSQUITOS: Again this year, we have a bumper crop of mosquitoes. Clark Mosquito is spraying every Friday night after midnight.

LANDSCAPING: The landscaping around the light poles has been completed.

Please contact Nicki at 630-466-1576 for any missed areas by our landscapers.

Note: The common area between Manor Hill and Green Hills Court is invaded by poison ivy. There is a warning sign there. The poison ivy will be sprayed.

The creekbed on the south end of the Hanks Road Park is in the process of being cleared of debris, small bushes, undergrowth, etc so the flow of water to Blackberry Creek is not inhibited. This project should be completed by the end of summer.

LAKES: Compressors at the south end of Lake Prestbury are not repairable and need to be

replaced. The order has been placed and new equipment will be installed.

Our trapper is monitoring our lakes for muskrats. Please report any sightings to Nickl at the above phone number.

As mentioned in my last report, there is a garbage can located behind the office building for any carp caught in the lake. We can use help in ridding our lake of carp. They do damage to our shoreline

Respectfully Submitted, Marge Roe

Pool – Our pool card system has had its challenges this season and we are so appreciative of Prestbury residents' patience as we try to solve problems as they arise. We are investigating solutions to this situation.

Security – A car was broken into on August 5th at a home on Winthrop New Road. Do not leave valuables in your car and remember to lock the doors when you are not present – day or night.

The questions of alcohol at the pool was discussed. Mary will check with the insurance company regarding liability.

Respectfully Submitted by, Marlene Deck

Youth - Over 100 residents gathered at the Prestbury pool for our Family Pool Party. We grilled hamburgers, passed delicious sides and desserts, and met new neighbors. Ages five and under enjoyed a money hunt in the baby pool. Ages six and up fought for coins in the big pool. Parents and kids played a watermelon relay race and all children left with a party prize.

Thank you to Rich Deck and John Plain for standing over a hot grill to serve over 100 hamburgers. Thank you to Marlene Deck for helping organize and manage the party; Beth Ulrich for running games; and our teen volunteers for setting up games and applying tatoos to all.

The anticipated completion date of the Commons Project is October 30, 2011. Therefore, the Halloween event this year will be postponed until October 2012. Thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted by, Megan Plain

Adult - Bible studies will begin this fall season in September. Utilizing study guides, two inter-faith groups will study "Ephesians:

Building a Community in Christ" (2nd and 4th Thursday evenings) and (1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings). The weekly Wednesday morning women's group will study "The 23rd Psalm, The Lord, Our Shepherd" and the monthly women's group will meet for study and fellowship. Please contact Carolyn Sackett (466-3719) for further details and contact information.

Web – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bids for landscaping are still coming in for the Bliss and Hanks sign.

Commons Project update – Anticipated completion date is October 30, 2011 providing there are no delays.

Rental Units - Laura reported that letters were sent out to those homeowners who have renters. All Board members were provided a list and any updates or information should be e-mailed to Laura.

Snow removal contract – Countywide Snow Removal provided a bid for services, a contract was negotiated and we will be within the budgeted amount for a 3 year contract.

Policy on Use of Amenities by residents with delinquent accounts was reviewed and reaffirmed.

Competitive bids are being sought for the broken drains/sewers at Blackberie Hill, Lake Blackberry, and Lake Prestbury outflow for the work to be done by fall. Kane County will repair the drain on Briargate Circle as part of the Bliss Road expansion project .

NEW BUSINESS:

Security cameras – Marlene reported that she secured bids from Alarm Detection for 2 additional cameras for the parking area in front of the clubhouse and 3 across the street. The cameras will be digital. They will require new software and alarm systems. The bid was \$34,061. Marlene will check with Alarm Detection to see if we can run the conduit and wires now as it should be done with the construction in the Common area.

Vending Machines at the pool were discussed. It was determined that we should be charging a small

fee to recover our cost for the electricity necessary. There also is a concern about additional trash around the pool with candy and chip wrappers. An additional vending machine was approved on a trial basis for next year.

It was moved to appoint Beth Benson Ulrich to the open position on the Board. Laura Fulton was elected to the Treasurer position.

At this time Al announced changes in responsibilities. Cheryl Bolland will be Director of the Clubhouse and Office Buildings a position vacated by Laura's election as Treasurer. Beth Ulrich will be Secretary, filling the position vacated by Cheryl.

Motion was made by Dick Austin and seconded by Marge Roe to adjourn to the Executive session at 7:55 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Cheryl and Cyndi at 9:50 pm.

The next meeting of the Prestbury Citizens Association will be September 13, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Office Building.

PCA Office Hours:

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M, TU, W, TH, FRI – 8:30AM – 2:30PM On-Site Manager, Nicki Leroy at 630-466-1576 or pcamanager@mchsi.com

Is Your Granny, Your Nanny?!

As a full time babysitter for my grandson I am seeking others who are also involved in their grandchildren's daily care. Maybe an adult social club joining us together? Babysitting for Gabe (14 month's now) has been a wonderful opportunity for me but I do miss adult conversations. This will also be great for our grandchildren, as they will be able to socialize with other children. It will be good for the kids and good for us. Maybe we could meet once a month for coffee/tea and playtime at my home with our grandchildren? Suggestions? Ideas?

If you are interested call me at 466-1034, or e-mail me at Oxie12@mchsi.com.

Wanted:

A working 8mm film projector to borrow or rent (if reasonable cost) for a couple of days to a Prestbury resident. Call Cliff 630-466-8087.

PRESTBURY HELPING HANDS (PHH) is ready to help YOU!!

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