

Tuttle Estates  
Board Meeting  
November 17, 2020  
7:30pm

(Held virtually via MS Teams)

Virtual Meeting called to order at 7:30. All 5 members of the Board attended (Scott, Charley, Eric, Marc, Syed).

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Main purpose of the meeting was to approve the dues structure/ mailing for 2021 dues and approve the 2021 budget.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Charley reported that the checking account has a current balance of \$59,279.12 and the reserve (savings) account has a balance of 55,102.61 We have three houses in bank receivership, the TECA Attorney is keeping us posted. Recent expenses include November clean-up and tree removal, Lighting, and sprinkler fall maintenance.

**Charley recommended we hold the current dues at \$180/home. The motion was made by Eric Laughridge to approve and seconded by Syed Abedi. Motion passed 5-0.** This is in line with our funding needs and anticipated expenses for the next fiscal year.. The Association Dues mailing will occur in early December. It will be accompanied by a letter from the President.

We also discussed the Budget for 2021. The budget for normal expenses is expected to remain the same. **A motion was made by Marc Finnegan and seconded by Eric Laughridge to approve the Budget for 2021 using the same budget guidelines as 2020.** Any significant additional expenses will be discussed as needed.

### **Landscaping Update**

The Fall Landscaping is complete. 6 dying trees have been removed, all of 127<sup>th</sup> bushes have been trimmed and the beds cleaned up, as well as few plantings. This is all being done in preparation for planting(s) in the spring.

Eric will be checking with Rainmakers to ensure they are storing the RPZ valve from our sprinkler system. Spring projects outside of the front entry will be reviewed. If funding is available, we are planning to do some tree and reed removal from the South Ponds area.

A resident in TECA has offered 15-20 maple tree saplings for planting in the spring. We can use these for tree planting along 127<sup>th</sup> between the sidewalk and pond area. Our plan will be to continue the landscaping as our budget allows. This past year we updated the lighting, and sprinkler system as well as removed 12 dead trees.

### **Additional Business**

The muskrat colony is being removed from the south ponds. Since early November, 17 muskrats have been removed. Muskrats create some major erosion issues for the Association. Marc Finnegan is managing this project and will provide updates to the Board and invoices to the Treasurer as needed.

The Association also contacted the Village of Plainfield to see if they had any grant money available for a Neighborhood safety project. The goal was to try and offer a Ring or Nest type doorbell camera security at a discount for interested residents. The Village has no program in place. We are also checking with Hardwares to see if there is an opportunity for a group buy. Participation in the program would be voluntary, just a way to enhance the safety of our TECA. More details to follow if viable.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:55pm** Motion by Eric, Second by Marc. Passed 5-0  
Respectfully Submitted by Eric Laughridge and Scott Mueller

