

Tavistock Civic Association Board Meeting  
Minutes of January 21, 2019  
735 Burnley Road, 7 PM

**In attendance:** Annie Baker, Steve Bozzo, Meg Campbell, Chelsea Forstrum, Brad Haines, Tom Haldas, Rose Passarella, Frank Maderich, Eileen Measley, Lisa Merenda, Jeff Porter, Carol Roth, Tim Wilson, Kathy Wilson

The president called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

### **Treasurer's report**

The treasurer presented the report, and highlighted the following items:

- The Association's current balance is \$9,158.14.
- Payment pending for circle maintenance.
- Dues collection
  - \$10,695.00.
  - Only 2 homes outstanding

Tim Wilson motioned to approve the treasurer's report, and Jeff Porter seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Committee reports**

#### ***Deed Restrictions***

- A homeowner on Severn Road has submitted a request for a fence on Severn. The fence requested is black aluminum, one of the two types of fences common in the community. The deed restrictions committee will provide documentation to the board and call for a vote at that time.
- A Severn Road homeowner's request to do a renovation project was approved by board consent in December 2018.

#### ***Columbia Place***

- Construction is underway. The developer has said he is working on permits to begin construction on the first single-family homes.
- In response to an inquiry, the developer indicated that the detour walking path created over the summer will be replanted.
- A county representative confirmed that the developer may be exploring a request for a new height variance. Committee members will follow up.

#### ***Street Trees***

- Since the October board meeting, the committee has been informed by the State Division of Forestry that reliable discoveries of Emerald Ash Borers have been made in Seaford and

Middletown. The EAB has been in Maryland's Eastern Shore for a few years, and new ones have been found in MD. The spread continues.

- Grant program. The pool has been shrinking and the number of communities aware of assistance has increased. Tavistock is unlikely to receive grant money for at least the next few years.
- Last spring over two dozen of the red maples on Burnley and Kilburn did not leaf out well. There is no sign of disease or infestation; the ill health is likely due to the wet year and a late frost. The problem might be serious; committee members will be watchful this spring.
- The community contracts periodically for structural pruning. This is a good practice to maintain tree health. The committee has proposed structural pruning for 15 trees this year, before leaf out or after leaf drop. Work will be done by Stein, who turned in the best bid.
- Tree committee chair Frank Maderich asked that the board approve an allocation of \$1,500 for structural pruning. Jeff Porter made the motion to approve the allocation, Tim Wilson seconded. The motion received unanimous approval by the board.

#### ***Storm Drains and swales***

- The county land across Mt. Lebanon is not draining. The board agreed to reach out to County Councilperson Dee Durham to report the issue.
- A resident expressed concern regarding neighbors who did not clean out a storm drain, resulting in a frozen patch on the road. The committee chair will follow up with homeowner.

#### ***Community safety***

- The community's new elected state officials are investigating allocations for speed humps on Garden of Eden.
- The committee will request that DELDOT reevaluate traffic speeds on Taunton. There is concern that the results did not properly reflect the traffic issues on Taunton because the study was done during spring break.

#### ***Tavistock website***

- Flickr pictures have been deleted.
- Work on new website is still pending. The community is looking for someone who can help with this project.

#### **Old business**

- The board discussed developing a policy for retaining documents and digital assets.

#### **New business**

#### ***Recap of officer/committee meeting with State and County elected officials***

- Board officers and committee heads welcomed Laura Sturgeon, Krista Griffiths and Dee Durham at a meeting on 1/16/2018 to share information about Tavistock activities and concerns, and learn more about the representatives' respective agendas.
- Discussion topics included speed humps pending on Garden of Eden; the status of Columbia Place activity; tree and deed committee activities; and road conditions in the neighborhood.

### ***501 Mount Lebanon Road***

- At the meeting, County councilor Dee Durham reported that the farmhouse on 501 Mt. Lebanon Road has been scheduled for a sheriff's sale. There are currently efforts underway to delay the sale, and there is an understanding that CCOBH, which holds a deed restriction on the residence, will not allow demolition. The church has some interest, there is speculation that it may be for additional parking. Little more is known at this time.
- Any Tavistock resident interested in forming a committee to address developments at 501 Mount Lebanon Road should contact Board President Rose Passarella. (Residents do not need to be on the board to chair a committee.)

### ***Tavistock Directory***

- This is a directory year. The community is looking for someone who can help with this project.

### ***Cameras in Edenridge***

- The board president reported that she got an email from Adam Christian, a standing member of the Edenridge board, regarding the installation of security cameras. The objective would be to install cameras at community entrances to capture license plates. They are considering a solution that would be \$2,000 per year per camera, and would ask Tavistock to consider financing two cameras.
- The board declined to take action on the request at this time.

### ***Annual meeting***

The annual board meeting will be held on March 27, 2019 at 7 PM at the Talleyville Fire Hall.

The motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Meg Campbell, Secretary