

**Brook Run Village Owners Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2025**

The meeting was held at Des Moines Fire Station #11 and convened at 6 p.m.

Directors present: Jason Bahr, Marty Chebuhar, Steve McClure, Doug Miller, and Pam Schwartz.

Guests: John Swanson, water resources supervisor for Polk County Public Works; members Tiffany White-Hach and Alek White.

STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT:

Swanson updated the board on planning for a stream restoration project on many of Brook Run's waterways. His report included scheduled and completed meetings with homeowners directly affected by the plan as well as those who haven't responded to meeting requests. He said most owners with properties directly tied to the project have or are in the process of completing required legal paperwork. The goal is to have homeowner sessions finished this month. Swanson added that actual work on the project is now scheduled to begin in the fall with tree clearing. He also presented planting plan diagrams used to explain to homeowners what types of trees and shrubbery will be available for their areas in the final stage of the stream rebuilding plan. The goal now is to have all homeowner meetings completed by the end of March.

MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 5, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bahr reported balances of \$77,343.70 in the operating account and \$397,189.12 in the capital reserve fund as of February 28, 2025. Income and expenses were normal for this time of year with continued receipt of annual dues payments and low winter expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

White-Hach presented a request to amend the Association's covenants to allow homeowners to raise poultry for personal use. She presented both pros and cons for this change but said she believes the benefits of allowing chickens and other poultry win out. The board responded by outlining the steps she would need to take for this request to appear on the Association's annual meeting ballot in June.

White expressed concern on how much litter he finds on his regular walks in the neighborhood. He said he picks up trash as he strolls and proposed maybe a broader organized effort could be made. Schwartz suggested he contact the Brook Run Neighborhood Association to see if it is still involved with the city of Des Moines' annual Earth Day trash removal or similar volunteer opportunities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Following the board's discussion of ongoing reporting needs, McClure and Bahr agreed to meet with McAfee Realty to review the board's expectations for the property manager for 2025.

REPORTS:

Miller said he would like to add maps of the Association's common areas to the Association's website, which he oversees. McClure said he could provide maps in his personal files from a boundary survey the board authorized a few years ago.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. The board's next meeting is set for 6 p.m. on April 2, 2025 in the community meeting room of Des Moines Fire Station #11 at 4150 E. 42nd Street.

Submitted by: Pam Schwartz, BRVOA Secretary