

**Brook Run Village Owners Association
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2024**

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; Harold Cross, Association member.

STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT:

Swanson and the board discussed progress in planning for a restoration of designated Brook Run creeks next year, including feedback from a November 4 meeting with property owners directly affected by the project. Swanson said his team will now be holding on-site meetings with those owners to individually review engineering designs for each property and hopefully win their approvals for construction and maintenance easements.

Cross, whose home is adjacent to one of the targeted waterways, indicated his support for the project. Plans include a maintenance path on the north side of the stream behind properties on Stream Side Circle. The path would greatly improve access to the Middle Pond's dam.

There was also discussion of the Association's role in long-term maintenance of the project area. Swanson indicated that responsibility would likely involve perhaps annual brush mowing and toxic weed treatment along the streams. He said the board would receive a formal maintenance agreement for review in the days ahead.

MINUTES:

The October 9, 2024, meeting minutes were approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bahr reported balances of \$36,293.76 in the operating account and \$255,970.71 in the capital reserve fund as of October 18 and October 30, 2024, respectively. Bahr also said he's hopeful an electronic payment option for HOA dues will be ready soon, and he presented a delinquent dues report compiled by the property manager.

NEW BUSINESS:

On a motion by Chebuhar, seconded by Miller, directors unanimously approved a \$9,073.60 contract with Iowa Pond Guy, LLC for water quality maintenance of the Association's retention ponds in 2025. Also, Schwartz noted it was time to turn off the ponds' aeration systems for the winter months.

McClure and Bahr will be preparing the Association's budget proposal and year-in-review report to be included with the annual dues statement slated to be mailed in December.

REPORTS:

Miller reported that a reminder that fishing isn't allowed on Brook Run's ponds from November through March has been posted on the Association's website and the neighborhood's Facebook page.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The board's next meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. December 4, 2024 in the community meeting room of Des Moines Fire Station #11 at 4150 E. 42nd Street.

Submitted by: Pam Schwartz, BRVOA Secretary