



HISTORIC SOUTHWOOD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

507 AIRPORT NORTH OFFICE PARK, FORT WAYNE, IN 46825



Agenda of the Board of Directors Meeting

September 8, 2021 – 7PM; Westover Road Esplanade

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call - Establishment of a Board Quorum and Introductions – 5 minutes
- III. Presentation of the Agenda
- IV. Committee Selections and Reports – 5 minutes each
 - A. Approval of July 2021 Minutes - Nadine
 - B. Finance Committee – Ellen
 1. Rates for next year
 - 2.
 - C. Membership Committee
 1. Flamingo Friday volunteers – Nadine
 2. Holiday Walk with Fairmont?
 - D. Nominations Committee
 - E. Public Relations Committee
 1. Send newsletter articles to Steve; folding party TBA
 2. Sending newsletter and speed petition with SASE – added costs vote
 - F. Beautification – Sierah
 1. Drain Stormer Program
 2. Fall Seedling Order
 - G. SWAP
 - H. Packard Area Planning Alliance – Sierah, Steve
 - I. SWNSA – Steve
- V. Continuing Business
 - A. Rats – Erika
 - B.
- VI. New Business
 - A. Tacoma Shed
 - B. Prana Yoga program – Sierah
 - C. Arlington Avenue Kids Block Party – Sierah
- VII. For the Good of the Order
- VIII. Public Comment - - - time limit 3 minutes per speaker.
- IX. Adjourn no later than 8:15PM.



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Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2021

- I. Call to Order: 7:04 pm Steve McCord
- II. Members Present: Steve McCord, Bruce Geoffrion, Nadine Rager, Sierah Barnhart, Christine Baron, Susan Mallernee, Erika Stuller, Lindsey Davenport Solon; Members Absent: Chris Cooper, Ellen Simmons, Karen Bailey, Kim Fenoglio, Sam Welch; Guests: Ben Ahlersmeyer, Nora and John Figueroa
- III. Presentation and acceptance of the agenda
- IV. Shed Dispute
 - a) Dispute between Ben Ahlersmeyer and Neil Maller: Ben Ahlersmeyer constructed a shed in his backyard and Mr. Maller wants it removed
 - b) Per the current zoning there is no violation
 - c) (Brief dance party thanks to passing motorcyclist)
 - d) Vote (7:1): agreed by the board to allow the shed to stay
 - e) Board will revisit the bylaws to clarify the language
 - f) Steve will send a letter to Mr. Maller with the vote of the board
 - g) Possible ways to mend the relationship between neighbors: paint the shed a more neutral/appealing color, shrubbery, trees, flowers to help block the view
- V. Presentation and unanimous acceptance of May 2021 and July 2021 minutes.
- VI. Reports
 - a) Finance
 - i) Checking: \$1365.00
 - ii) Savings: \$20,002.75
 - iii) Total Assets: \$24994.82
 - iv) This year and past years at this same time we had:

2021: **\$25k**; 2020: **\$38k**; 2019: **\$42k**; 2018: **\$41k**; 2017: **\$50k**; 2016: **\$46k**
 - v) Reason for change: speed signs, trees, gardens, welcome wagon, block party, *legal fees. We have been using the “windfall” of back dues owed the Association the past few years.
 - vi) Unanimous vote to increase dues by 10% to \$49.50
 - (1) Will need to vote at next meeting
 - vii) Need to look at budgeting ideas for next year: legal, mailings, party
 - b) Membership
 - i) Next Flamingo: 9/10/21; No others booked
 - ii) Chalk the Walk: Friday 9/17/21 starts at 6:00; South Wayne and Sherwood Terrace
 - iii) Fort 4 Fit: Saturday 9/18/21; block party starts at 07:00
 - iv) Holiday Walk with Fairmont – like Halloween but with Christmas candy, music, hot chocolate, scavenger hunt, starts at Friendly Fox
 - (1) Vote – agreed – to be apart of again in 2021; no date set yet

- c) Nominations
 - i) Bruce Geoffrion's last meeting 9/8/2021
 - ii) Need to fill his spot and a few more
 - iii) Will reach out to neighbors who indicated that they would be interested in the board from the survey
- d) Public Relations
 - i) Need ideas for the newsletter
 - ii) Need 135 more signatures for the 220 total signatures needed for the speed petition with SASA
 - (1) Vote: send out a mailing with pre-posted envelopes to return signatures - approved
- e) Beautification
 - i) Drain Stormer Program
 - (1) Need volunteers to put medallions on all the drains ("All Water Leads to the River")
 - (2) Supplies being dropped off to decorate the sewers; all designs will be on display at Promenade Park on 9/26/2021
 - (3) You can volunteer via the SWP FB page
 - ii) Fall Seedling Order
 - (1) Ordering begins October 1st
 - (2) Vote to purchase red seedlings for spring delivery – agreed
- f) SWAP
 - i) No new to report
- g) Packard Area Planning Alliance
 - i) Last meeting was cancelled due to low agenda items
 - ii) Presidency of PAPA is available; volunteers for board are needed
- VII. Continuing Business
 - a) Rats – problem continues; plan to get back to the area, but COVID and underfunding making it difficult; a sweep was made last week
- VIII. New Business
 - a) Tacoma Shed Dispute – resolved at beginning of meeting
 - b) Prana Yoga Program
 - i) Sierah working with Prana Yoga to offer yoga at Indiana – Beaver triangle
 - ii) They typically will do \$100/session but will partner with SWP and do a 50/50 split: sponsored by Prana Yoga and Southwood Park
 - iii) Start on September 18th for 4 Saturdays
 - iv) Vote – agreed - \$200 for 4 sessions of yoga
 - c) Arlington Avenue Kids Party
 - i) Block off the 4700-4800 block of Arlington for all kids in the neighborhood
 - ii) Board will provide a statement allowing the event
 - iii) Toys from July block party will be used
 - iv) Date: October 9, 2021; Rain Date: October 21st; 2:00
- IX. For the Good of the Order
- X. Meeting adjourned 8:05 pm