

## Minutes for RMIA Board Meeting, Monday, March 13, 2017

**Attending:** Athene Carras, Matt Lachey, Lorin Liberson, Kathy Monk, Alan Mueller, Craig Pierson, Bette Rosenstein, Suzy Thomas, Joe Valentin, Scott Wheeler, Victoria Wiedel

John Friedman

Not present: Rick Glick, Jim Peters

Guest speakers: Lissa and Robert from Serafin & Assoc. and Frank from NPL Construction, Congressman Mike Quigley

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

**Lissa & Frank:** Gave an update on the water main replacement program in the Manor. They said they were presenting to give faces to the project. The 100-125-year-old water mains will be replaced with chlorinated, concrete-lined pipes. There will be new fire hydrants, too. The water pressure will not change.

This project is coupled with the work being done in the neighborhood by People's Gas and the Manor Greenway. The work will begin in April.

All communications will come from Alderman Mell and any questions concerning lead should go to the Water Commissioner.

February meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Suzy said there is \$15,640.03 in the Paypal account. She reported Pat Casler will be moving the money from Paypal to the Chase account so the money is all in one place. Athene said Italian Gardens will be hired to maintain LaPointe Park. Suzy's neighbor Jake Swider-Rogers completed the 2016 audit for the RMIA. There were no irregularities found. Athene will send a thank you.

**Communications:** From Jim: The Spring newsletter has been sent to the designer. It's expected to be back from the printer by late-March and delivered to residents the first week of April. The earliest item on the Event Calendar is the Easter Egg Hunt on April 15th.....Because of the addition of two new large ads, we expanded this issue to 12 pages (from the typical eight).

Victoria says there is better navigation on the RMIA website now and is deciding on photo size. There are continued improvements. Matt continues to work with social media.

**Safety:** Joe will forward information about a self-defense his wife took to Kathy.

**Zoning:** From Jim: I have polled the members of the Zoning Committee regarding preferred meeting dates. It is hoped that we can schedule a meeting in late March/early April. One of the items for discussion will be the process for a proposed local landmark designation....Word is that the controversial property at 4432 N. Mozart is in the process of being foreclosed. Suzy said the developer was listing the property for over \$700,000.

Bette said the house hit by lightning on Richmond sustained significant water damage and the family will be living elsewhere for 6 months.

**Congressman Quigley:** The congressman reported on his current work on the Intelligence and Appropriations Committees. He discussed the potential challenges of the new administration's proposed budget and how cuts could harm Illinois. He described how large 5<sup>th</sup> congressional district is and said his office provides internships, gives tours of the White House, and helps get visas for citizens. He described some of the inner workings of the Trump administration.

**Membership:** Craig urged everyone who hasn't already to pay their dues.

**Community Relations:** Alan said the Summer Concert bulletins are out. The RMIA will fund a concert and an ad. HPAC is holding an Easter Egg Hunt the same day as the RMIA at a different time.

Alan might begin attending North River Commission meetings.

Suzy & Alan attended the North River Commission with CMAP meeting February 22 at Roosevelt High School. They said it was well-attended and people could vote on how money would be spent on Lawrence between Kedzie & Kimball.

**Transportation:** Bette said the next TAC meeting is March 23.

**Social:** The Easter Egg Hunt is **April 15<sup>th</sup>** & the Semiannual meeting will be **April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Parks:** Lorin said 16 trees have been committed to by neighbors. She will verify these locations over the weekend. The application was submitted to Openlands with a commitment of 20 trees. She would like to hit targeted homes one more time with a mailing. The RMIA will pay for postage. She also asked the RMIA to fund 4 trees to place by condo buildings. We will need to find people to water these trees.

**New Business:** John Friedman brought up his concern of potential conflict of interest with Athene's husband working as executive director of the North River Commission. John suggested that Athene recuse herself from voting on such issues as the Manor Greenway test so that there is no suggestion of ethical violation. Athene agreed to this.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next Board meeting will be in conjunction with the semiannual meeting at Horner Park on Monday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00.

Submitted by Kathy Monk