

**NORTHFIELD VILLAGE HOMES ASSOCIATION (HOA)
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2017**

The Northfield Village HOA met March 22, 2017, at the home of Communications Liaison, Nancy Bellis.

Officers Attending: Richard Hanner, Gerald Schwebke, Bill Laughlin, Diane Younger, Sharon Rendon

Residents Attending: Lynda Laughlin, Frank Graham, Brenda Michael, Jill Claxton, Louise Nolen, Paula Barrows, Kat & Bob Ficke, Margaret Richards, Susan Martin, Nancy Bellis, Carol Gold

1st Vice President Report: Gerry Schwebke announced the property at 3032 87th Terrace has been rented.

2nd Vice President Report & Grounds Report: Embassy is currently working to get the sprinklers up and running. Once they are operational, mowing will resume. Embassy will NOT mow or trim within 6 inches of any air conditioning unit or down spout.

A representative from Embassy, Billy Dupras, presented information on a new type of sprinkler control. It is an automated application that Embassy could monitor from anywhere. It would immediately alert them to any situation (leaks, etc.) and they could turn off the system from any off-site location at any time of day. Our aging sprinkler system in Zones 1-3 continues to present challenges. The cost for a controller is \$2500 and Embassy says we would need 2. Each has the ability to control 20 watering zones. This product is the Rainbird IQ. If any resident has used or know somebody who is familiar with results, please provide comments to the Grounds Committee. Because of the numerous programming options, there should be a decrease in the HOA water bill.

Any grounds maintenance concerns must be submitted on-line. The form to complete can be found on the Northfield Village home page. Bill Laughlin also has cards containing the instructions. He is out walking the property regularly, so if you would like a reminder card ask him when you see him.

There are a number of projects being developed. These, too, will be shown on the HOA web, so that residents may see what is planned and what is in the works. Several were discussed at the meeting. The first

is a wet area on Line Creek between the two entrances. Bill suggests building a berm and planting a tree and flowers to help maintain the area.

There is about 5000 square feet of problematic grassy areas requiring over seeding. This is a project that should be accomplished in the fall for better results.

There was a discussion regarding yard waste removal. Embassy does not pick up individual bags of yard waste when they mow. There is a free city pick up date April 17th. Several options are being considered on how to handle this, but for now we are using the services the city provides.

Of the 4 gazebos in Northfield, only one has a bench. Several residents have wondered about starting a fund, such as "in memory of", when someone passes away. Any thoughts or ideas on this should be submitted on line to Grounds.

Architectural Committee Report: Tree maintenance continues to be a concern. The guidelines for this are most easily found in the Frequently Asked Questions document located on the HOA website. The Grounds committee will be requesting bids to have someone look at the legacy trees in the common areas and determine if any are dead or dying. Homeowners who plant a tree are responsible for maintaining that tree. If you have a request for any project, you must submit it using the form found on the HOA web. The request must be approved prior to starting the project.

Communications Liaison: Nancy questioned whether or not the Help List should continue to be provided. Her recent effort requesting input yielded only 6 comments. However, residents attending the meeting indicated they found the list very helpful. If you have used a company or service you would recommend, please submit the information to Nancy.

The contract for maintaining the website has been extended for 5 years, with no increase in the cost the provider charges.

Care Committee: The President read the input received from the committee. They continue to visit new residents and provide copies of the by-laws/declarations.

Social Committee: The Spring Fling will be April 24th. Details to follow.

Miscellaneous Items:

As a reminder, ALL pets must be on a leash when they are outside. This includes cats. This is a Kansas City Code as well as a requirement of Northfield. If you have a concern, please contact the city for enforcement. Additionally, clean up after your pets even if they are walked in a vacant lot.

Many of the utility boxes throughout the neighborhood are leaning to various degrees. Richard Hanner is going to call the appropriate companies and ask them to correct these issues.

Vacant lots should be maintained by Rosewood, however, that is not happening. Numerous requests have gone unanswered. If you live next to or across from a problematic vacant lot, call the city's 311 phone number to report. When the weeds/grass get to a certain height they will come mow.

Anyone with suggestions for the Frequently Asked Questions section should submit them to the board for the approval. The intent is to provide as much information to residents as possible, in the easiest to read format.

Bill Laughlin motioned for the meeting to be adjourned.
Gerry Schwebke seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 27th at 3021 87th St. An evening meeting is scheduled for May 25th at Primrose. Hopefully a number of residents who are unable to attend meetings held during the day will be able to join the evening meeting.