

# VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 19,2021 @ 7 PM

Via Zoom

**Call to order and Roll Call.** Directors in Attendance: *Nina Pelc-Faszczka, Dieter Dostal, Russell Devlin*

**Approval of minutes:** Review and approve Village Council minutes meeting.

Review and approve Village Council minutes meeting of March 17,2020 (*Approved by Dieter Dostal, Seconded by Russell Devlin*)

## **Financials:**

**Review 2021 year to date operating results** For the month of April, income is on track, and on budget with the exception of cost for fence repair, as three fences needed repair two for tree damage and one for bear damage.

1. **Re-seeding.** (*walk around of property on 05/21/21 to review seeding and trees*) Re-seeding Candidates 2021: 1)330 & 334 Mercer front lawn. 2)20 & 23 Ivy. small front lawn 3) 38 &39 KWS both side areas of the driveway 4) Knollwood entrance on right side in front of fence and all the way down to Heather on right hand side 5) 130 & 132 Primrose,6) 503 Hawthorne 7) 2 On The Green 8) 527 Hawthorne Topsoil and seeding site of former tree at 134/ 136 Primrose Lane (*Butler spring quote*)
2. **Plant replacement.** *Received Quote from Butler will price of plants a few questions will be presented to Butler before approval . This is for the replacement of plants at 18 homes. Additional bush replacement at 131 Primrose. (Unit owner requested a plant be replaced*
3. **Brush line clearing** No Action. In December Brush line clearing between Heather and Sagewood off KNS and behind 34 KNN was identified as being desired.
4. **Rail Work 10 Aster** Email from Elite stated that the railing would be installed the week of 05/16/21

## **In Process Business:**

1. Paving project -Village Council Vote on Loan: A vote to approve the loan from the conservancy for up to \$150,000 to be applied to the Village paving project was taken and approved by all 3 of the Village council directors.

2. **Mulch for 2021-Village Council Vote on Butler Quote:** A vote to accept the quote from Butler for the application of mulch on the Village property was taken and approved by all 3 of the Village council directors.
3. **Butler landscape contract requirements May:** A discussion of Butler's performance and task requirements for the month of April and May was held." There were questions as to if Butler has or will met it contract requirements for the tasks identified to be completed in the month May.
4. **Discussion of Declaration and Bylaws amendments:** There was a discussion as to the lack of responses (Votes) received related to the approval of the amended Declaration and Bylaws. A e-mail or letter might be sent to non-respondents requesting their vote up or down.
5. **Winter Snow Removal Damage:** This item was mention in passing but as part of the walk around with the property manager for tree work, re-seeding, any areas that were damaged as part of the snow removal operations will be identified to the property manager for Butler to address.

## **New Business**

**Owners Forum:** The owners forum was spent almost exclusively on the topic of the communities amenities being closed. A number of home owners expressed their disappointment and frustration in the fact that even though the State of CT and Federal government have reduced or removed almost all of their Covid 19 restrictions. Comments were made that the closing of the amenities are now not related to Covid 19 related health issues but only liability issues. It was also noted that if the liability issues are the major reason for keeping the amenities closed than there is possibility that they could be closed indefinitely.

There are still a lot of complaints as to the AAI process, especial related to failures in closing out an AAI from the property managements end (inspection and closing letters).

I have included the state of CT rules related to Covid 19 as of 05/19/2021 for reference.

“ **Connecticut:** Gov. Ned Lamont (D) announced he will lift most business restrictions May 19. On May 1, restaurants will no longer have to limit parties to eight people outdoors (the limit will still apply to indoor dining), and an 11 p.m. curfew for on-premises dining will be moved back to midnight. Events at commercial and entertainment venues, such as movie theaters and bowling alleys, will also be allowed to operate until midnight starting May 1. Bars that don't serve food can open on May 1 for outdoor service only. Under current gathering restrictions, get-togethers at private residences are capped at 25 people indoors and up to 100 outdoors. At commercial venues, 100 people can gather indoors and 200 can congregate outdoors. Requirements for social distancing, sanitation and masking remain in place. Anyone over age 2 must wear a face covering in public places, indoors and outdoors, when social distancing cannot be maintained. Masks must be worn at gyms and fitness centers even with social distancing. A travel mandate is no longer in effect. Visitors or returning residents are advised to follow CDC guidance.”

**Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, June 16,2021 at 7:00PM