

Minutes for the City of Worthington Hills
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Date: October 15, 2019

Present: Robert Stonum Dennis Metcalf Dawn Eichenberger Linda Beville
Dan Small Carol Campbell Steve Schwager Bev Lush

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Stonum with a motion by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

Citizens Participation: There were 8 citizens present with questions & concerns including:

- Mrs. Metcalf again reminded everyone in attendance that she is collecting Christmas cards to be provided to a group who sends them to our soldiers each year.

Minutes: The September 2019 minutes were brought up for approval. Motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger to approve the minutes. Vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: The September Financials had been distributed to the Commission for review and posted on COWH website prior to the City Meeting. Approval motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Vote was unanimous.

- Mayor Stonum thanked Treasurer Small for great work.
- Treasurer Small had a couple concerns:
 - o For tax bills that are double paid, Treasurer Small is to send them a check to reimburse. No need to include on our monthly expense review form.
 - o Treasurer Small wanted to know correct procedure for getting lien information to Attorney Schwager. It was said that no need to discuss in our monthly meetings – just give the information to Attorney Schwager. Treasurer Small has the information for years 2006-2016.
 - o FYI – just wanted it known that tax liens lapse after 5 years.

Expense Review: The cover sheet of October invoices along with invoice copies were passed around for the Commissioners to review and initial. All commissioners reviewed and initialed the review sheet. No approval motion was needed since Commissioners had already initialed and approved.

Presentation by City Attorney:

- Attorney Schwager discussed property taxes.
- It was noted that COWH has no taxing authority on personal property
- Attorney Schwager and Mayor Stonum will research

Old Business:

- City letters re: Fences. First notice was sent out on June 10, 2019. 2nd notice was sent out on September 5, 2019 with tracking numbers. 2 residents on Micklenburg have not complied along with 1 resident on Jonel Court. Time to move to next step. The Millers, who live at 12205 Jonel Court, requested their extension deadline to be changed to October 31 because of recent unforeseen circumstances. A motion for granting a 2 week extension was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger.

Commissioners Eichenberger, Metcalf, Beville, and Campbell votes Yes. Mayor Stonum voted No because of the length of time since the original notification. Attorney Schwager will send letters and copy everyone on the Commission. This letter from Attorney Schwager will inform affected residents of new deadline; then if still not complied with, COWH will move forward with having the work completed and affected residents will receive the bills.

- *It was noted that an owner asked for adverse possession rights and it was again noted, that this can't be done with public property.*
- *Attorney Schwager requested a list of Rental Property Registration Forms that have not been completed and returned to COWH. Wanted to contact those properties again to get the forms completed and returned. Commissioner Beville questioned who controls the issue of Rental Property Registration Forms. Attorney Schwager will look at documents and advise. Non-compliance authorization motion to have Attorney Schwager move forward on legal notices was made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Metcalf. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Additional street light issue: 9 letters have been mailed to affected residents for permission for LG&E to run lines for the new lights. Only 3 original requests have been returned. 1 was returned for owner's wrong address (rental property). Attorney Schwager suggested that the rental tenant be asked for owner's correct address. Commissioner Beville explained that 1 owner wants payment for "non-use of his property".*
- *Commissioner Eichenberger brought up the issue of who maintains sidewalks. Mayor Stonum asked if anyone has researched the cost to COWH if we would want to pay for these repairs. Attorney Schwager suggested possibly taking a vote to fix sidewalks. Mayor Stonum noted on the map of the red lines that shows for what COWH is obligated. Commissioner Eichenberger will research the costs and Commissioner Campbell will research KLC's attorney's opinion that Road Funds could possibly be used for the sidewalk repairs.*
- *Spring Egg Hunt – Motion for group to plan was made by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Vote was unanimous.*

New Business:

- *Commissioner Campbell talked about the road cracks on Lunenburg Drive and Halifax that need to be filled. She will contact Steve with All Terrain Construction for costs. Motion was made by Commissioner Beville and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Suggestion of a Fall 2020 Event was suggested. That would be something that would need to be added to 2020-2021 budget. Possibly have live band. Commissioner Campbell will research possible vendors/charities.*
- *Goodwill Weekend – Think about scheduling this to help any disabled residents with home and yard work.*
- *Mayor Stonum asked if anyone had thought of any other projects for 2020-2021. Possible Halloween decorating contest.*
- *Commissioner Beville made note of no streetlight on Maxwell Court. She said the cost would be \$92.00 to have it installed by LG&E. Motion to install this new streetlight was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Eichenberger. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Snow Removal Authorization by Commissioner Campbell – We need a permission motion made on behalf of Commissioner Campbell, but she stated that she has not yet received the final signed contract.*
- *Mayor Stonum noted that the Road Funds have not yet been released to COWH. He will complete the DLG form to inform them we will be doing a 2018 audit.*
- *Storage shed invoice – Mayor Stonum mentioned we have a 1 year contract with Aladdin Self Storage from November 16, 2018 to November 16, 2019. He would like to ask them for a contract from November 16, 2019 – June 30, 2020. That way COWH could take advantage of pre-approved payment discount. This motion was made by Commissioner Campbell and seconded by Commissioner Beville. Vote was unanimous.*
- *Illegal immigrant (resident) was stopped by Derby City Protection. Louisville METRO police officers have been directed not to contact ICE on a traffic stop, but COWH can and our oath says we will enforce laws. Mayor Stonum says it's our civic duty. Please think about this for discussion later.*
- *Halloween hours were set to be 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM.*

Commissioner Reports:

Utilities: Commissioner Beville

- *Did street light checks on 9/3, 9/10, 9/17 and 9/24.*
- *Answered four emails – two about garbage/recycling and two about the lighting proposal.*
- *Street Light Installation Update - Residents have been slow in returning the permission forms. We do not have correct address for the property owners at 11918 Queen Annes. Rental Property Registration Form was returned to sender. We will attempt to locate the owner through tax records. The property at 11902 Heathsville Court was sold and a letter and permission form will be sent to the new owner.*
- *One property owner on Luray was not willing to allow the installation on his property without payment from the COWH for the loss of use of that property. He offered an alternative location for the cable alongside the rear of his yard and I asked Jim Pierson, LG&E Outdoor Lighting manager to revisit Luray Court location and advise me on using this location. He looked at the option of running a cable from the back of the 12002 Luray property down to the greenspace and forward to the street. Mr. Pierson advised there is no suitable power at this location and LG&E would need to install a splice box and extend a secondary cable behind the green space at an additional expense to the City. Another option would be to run the cable from the rear corner of the 12004 Luray property to the road and place the light pole between 12004 and 12006 Luray. I will ask the Clerk to send the letter, permission form and map of the proposed cable trench to the home owner at 12004 Luray Ct.*
- *I spoke with Mr. Pierson about the cost of installing a street light on Maxwell Ct. There would be an upfront cost of \$92.00 to bore the sidewalk for Maxwell Ct. to have a light in the cul de sac. I will bring this before the Commission for approval.*

Road Maintenance: Commissioner Campbell

- *09/19/2019 – Called MSD to report the drainage problem at the corner of Northumberland Drive and Bay Run Drive. The water must drain in front of 4 houses (3810, 3812, 3814, and 3816) to an inground drain at the corner of Lunenburg Drive and Northumberland Drive. There is a buildup of dirt, grass and debris which backs up water into the intersection. During cold weather it freezes, a large patch of ice occurs, and cars are sliding through the intersection onto Northumberland Drive. This is a huge safety issue since there are multiple bus stops at this location. I have the order number (5315621) and will follow-up with MSD.*
- *10/01/2019 and 10/15/2019 – Checked the asphalt roadways on Lunenburg Drive and Halifax Drive. I feel that we need to do crack filling on both of these primary roads in our City to prevent deterioration and extend the life of the roadway.*
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Property: Commissioner Eichenberger

- *9/27/19 - Received email from resident regarding RVs parked in driveways. Advised is an eyesore and turns people away from wanting to buy in our neighborhood. Officer Tate Mason contacted code enforcement for the rules and regulations regarding RVs.*
- *9/29/19 - Received email from Harold with Maximus stating he has not mowed the large green space for several weeks due to lack of rain. Also advised trees at main entrance showing signs of stress. I advised Harold to contact the irrigation company regarding the regulator. That way it will be fixed and ready for spring.*
- *10/1/19 – Received email from resident regarding who would be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the fences shared by properties. I asked what she was referring to and she advised it is the privacy fence between her house and neighbor's. I advised that would be the responsibility of the property owners. She understood and said she just moved into the neighborhood.*
- *10/3/19 – Spoke with Mrs. Miller and advised since she has previous engagement and will not be able to attend meeting, we will attempt to resolve.*

- 10/9/19 – Received call from property owner and husband regarding how horrible the conditions are at 4804 Middlesex Drive. Advised we are contacting code enforcement and that the next door homeowner should do the same.

Safety: Commissioner Metcalf

- Drove city on multiple occasions.
- Mayor Stonum and myself went to Steve Schwager’s Office.
- Talked to Mr. Charles Mitchell at 11012 Lunenburg Ct. about obtaining a permit from Metro Louisville to construct a gravel parking pad.

Derby City Protection Activity Report

- Rustburg - Parking citation given for parking in grass.
- Queen Annes Ct-- Codes and regulations ticket opened for RV parked illegally in driveway.
- Lunenburg Dr.- Codes and regulations ticket opened on a utility trailer parked in the yard.
- Pulaski Ct. traffic stop for one headlight. Driver did not have a drivers’ license and admitted she was not here legally.
- Middlesex / Northumberland. Domestic violence suspect drove past officer. Suspect ditched car and was found a short time later on foot. Suspect was arrested on several charges.
- Lunenburg Ct. Parking citation issued for parking in grass.
- Bay Run/Northumberland. Traffic violation – Stop sign/excessive tint.
- Rustburg Ct. Parking citation/Parked in wrong direction
- Citizens Participation:
- Citizens mentioned they may be getting ready to tear down and rebuild their garage. What are the POD regulations?
- The sign on Northumberland at entrance to green space actually blocks the entrance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm with a motion by Commissioner Eichenberger and seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

Signatures:

City Clerk: _____

Date: _____

Mayor: _____

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