



Karen Breen-Bondie, President

Carol Frederick, Vice President

Anne Williamson, Second Vice President

Darcey McLaughlin, Secretary

Katrina Collins, Treasurer

Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2004

The WPIA meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Media Center of Roosevelt Elementary School. Officers present included President Karen Breen-Bondie, Treasurer Katrina Collins, Vice President, Carol Frederick, and Secretary Darcey McLaughlin. Block Directors present were Andrea Townsend, Lower Oakridge, Debbie Sobolewski, Upper West Drayton, Bill Frederick, Upper Woodland. President Breen-Bondie did introductions.

President Breen-Bondie passed around flyers to the present block directors to be passed out to the neighborhood regarding an update on the snow removal process. She instructed those present not to pass out to their neighbors until after we received a green light from her that the contract had been signed.

Treasurer's Report: Katrina Collins presented the current budget for WPIA with a breakdown of the current account as well as percentages collected by each street. Many directors stated that they had not reached out a second time to residents yet until actual snow plowing services begin. At that time, all will make additional attempts to collect yearly dues. Treasurer Collins just reimbursed that evening Bill Frederick for luminaries this year. Many block directors complimented Bill Frederick and our association for putting the luminaries out each year and remarked how many of our friends and families appreciate how beautiful it looks each year and what a tradition putting them together each year has become for most of our families. Treasurer Collins also noted that our State of Michigan association dues of \$10.00 have been paid which ensures our membership in good standing with the state.

Minutes: Secretary Darcey McLaughlin reviewed meeting minutes from March 25, 2003 and also read aloud correspondence sent on behalf of WPIA since last meeting.

Beautification Report: This year's award has not yet been received from the manufacturer, but President Breen-Bondie stated that the winners, Joe and Keri Sullivan of Upper Woodland have been notified and are excited about receiving a Beautification Award from the association.

Yard/Garage Sale: Carol Frederick reported that August 28-29 will be our neighborhood garage sale. There will be more information and a sign-up available at the annual Block Party on June 10, 2004.

Snow Removal: President Breen-Bondie passed out draft copies of the contract with the new service, Geenscapes and stated that there needed to be minor changes made to change the term "snow removal" to "snow plowing service" throughout the contract. She stated that new service would not guarantee resident's sod or sprinkler heads. A quorum of the members voted to accept the contract with changes and forward to Jim Kochensparger for signature. It was stated that hopefully snow plowing services could begin as soon as possible. Compliments were given to President Breen-Bondie for her work on the contract itself, as well as the research and negotiations. In addition – there were questions as to who plowed the sidewalks on both Lower NE Oakridge as well as Upper NW Oakridge in front of Roosevelt Elementary School. The City of Ferndale does the plowing for the lower end, and the School District plows the sidewalks in front of the garage, so those areas did not need to be added to our contract.

A discussion ensued regarding "Oakridge Park", the area on the NE end of Upper Oakridge which recently had commercial zoning proposals voted down. Many of our neighbors would like to

dedicate the area an official park. It was stated that the City of Ferndale's website in an area which highlights maps and park, does show the land as designated "Oakridge Park". Debbie Sobolewski suggested that our association officially pursue designating this land as a park and perhaps representatives researching this and attending a City Council Meeting. It was proposed that a committee be set up at the next annual meeting. Darcey McLaughlin made the official motion, Katrina Collins seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business: Discussion regarding the WPIA registering a domain name and hosting its own website. The discussion was tabled until the Annual Meeting to determine at that time whether the association could afford to do so. Final snow collections will be available at that time. It was discussed however that hosting a "Discussion Board Forum" for our association was a free service, so everyone present felt that would be a good service for our association at this time.

Block Party: Last year's chairpersons will not be returning this year. If anyone knows of anyone interested in chairing our annual block party, please let President Breen-Bondie know by our Annual meeting. She will contact the other committee heads to ask if they are interested in chairing.

Annual Meeting: Reminder that the next scheduled Annual Meeting is Monday, March 22, 2004 at Roosevelt's Media Center. Guest Speaker: Heather Carmona, Executive Director – Woodward Avenue Action Association.

Other: The association would like to thank Allen Liggett for his investigation into purchasing snow removal equipment for our association and getting the ball rolling.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.