

Chatham Hills Subdivision Board
July 12 2021
Meeting Minutes (Zoom Meeting)

Attendees David Ryall, Danielle Adams, Jonathan Brown, Jon Carter, Bob Layne, Curt Martin, Sheena Mathai, Lillian Ryall, John Weigel.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of May 11 were reviewed and were approved unanimously – John Weigel proposed adoption and Chuck Fehl seconded.

Treasurer

Danielle Adams presented a written report and there were no issues arising.

Deeds & Restrictions

There was no report and no updates.

Parks and Commons

Bob Layne and Jon Carter presented a written update to their prior report.

“1. Jon and Bob cut back low-hanging branches on the south side of the creek, just west of Smithfield, in the park, so that mowers could resume mowing that narrow strip.

2. Wasmer Bros. mowers had missed some common areas in recent weeks and missed string trimming parts of the path. After Jon called Tim Wasmer, Tim came out to inspect and talk with crews. He admitted to some internal communication issues and oversights and promised to rectify them.

3. Sign near west park was vandalized by bending. Someone (Bob or Chuck?) has since bent it back to flat shape.

4. Storm damage: Lots of branches down and trees uprooted throughout the park. Entranceways and cul-de-sac islands showed little or no damage. No structures (including bridges) were damaged by falling trees, and therefore there won't be any insurance claims. In at least 5 cases trees fell from park into peoples' back yards. No structural damage, but some hedge bushes damaged. Per David's instruction we will have a tree contractor remove all of the fallen tree and debris from back yards, but not replace the damaged trees or bushes. Thanks to efforts by various residents (including Matt and David Ryall and Jon Carter) the path has been cleared of major debris.

5. Storm damage: Jon has been using the Oakland County website which superimposes lot lines on a 2020 aerial photograph to determine whether a tree is in the park or in a back yard. In three cases homeowners have contracted for storm damaged tree removal for trees which were slightly outside of their lots). I propose that CHSA reimburse the homeowners for that work.

6. Storm damage: Jon has park walkthroughs with contractors scheduled for Tues 7am, Tues 12noon, Wed 12noon, and one more TBD. Jon thinks that first priority should be trees that have fallen from park into people's back yards. He is guessing that quotes will be in the \$20k-\$40k range.

7. Storm damage: Jon supports Jonathan's idea of helping homeowners with tree damage which they cannot handle, either physically or financially, but is hesitant about appending that work onto the park tree work. "

The city has said they will be picking up storm debris for residents if they are placed at the curb and are not over four feet long and six inches in diameter, but the timing is uncertain.

The refinishing of the east playground playscape and other work there is stalled out at present as Jon and Bob are unable to do it and we likely need to get some quotes. Repairs made to the drains in that area appear to have helped the issue.

Entranceways

There was no report but it was noted that the entranceways did not suffer damage in the storm.

Newsletter / Website

There was nothing to report.

Membership / Directory

One check for dues has been received by Tony di Ponio but it did not include costs so will be returned.

Safety

There seems to be no progress with the two houses being used as boarding houses so John Weigel will check back with the city.

Social Report

The garage sale went well and the next event will be September 12 - the annual picnic.

New Business

The next meeting will be August 9 at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Brown

Secretary