

TO: TLHA Members
FROM: April S. Poole, Secretary/Treasurer
DATE: July 1, 2018
RE: 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes held June 6

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by President John Thomas. John introduced each board member: Diane Bobek, Vice-President; April Poole, Secretary/Treasurer; members Steve Koskey, Ray Waters, David and Dina Mytar. Mike Meyer absent due work schedule. Member Deb Santini thanked the board members for the work performed on the resident's behalf.

Pres. Thomas introduced Bonnie Drew, from Mayor Jim Langfelder's office, who thanked us for the opportunity to meet with us. Ms. Drew complimented Twin Lakes on having a beautiful neighborhood and an active board. Ms. Drew encouraged active participation from all members in activities and management of Twin Lakes and City of Springfield.

Pres. Thomas introduced Officer Chris Jones who was filling in for our Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO) Matt Doss. Officer Jones announced due to Doss's upcoming promotion a new NPO would be assigned to our area. Jones stated in the last year there had been 32 calls for service. Most were burglaries and break-ins to unsecured cars. Jones announced a recent man's arrest will prevent future home break-ins. Jones stressed locking cars, not keeping spare keys or key fob in the vehicle, and keeping the garage door shut. If you see a neighbor's garage door up, please call them to remind them to close it. With the new NPO being assigned, the NPO's phone # will remain the same - (217) 741-0979.

Pres. Thomas introduced Ward 4 Alderman John Fulgenzi. Alderman Fulgenzi stated he is available to assist with problems. Alderman Fulgenzi asked residents to call or stop by his restaurant to discuss problems. Fulgenzi stated he had worked with the Public Works Dept. about having parking along one side of Shadowfax. The board informed Alderman Fulgenzi the neighbors want to be left alone and we will ensure the parking will allow emergency, utility and trash vehicles to travel the street.

Pres. Thomas introduced Public Works Director Mark Mahoney. Dir. Mahoney discussed the upcoming roadwork which will affect Twin Lakes' residents. The projects are: asphalt overlays on all of our asphalt streets; oil and chip overlay on Mayden; concrete culvert repair work on Twin Lakes Drive at the lakes; and branch pick up the week of our fireworks celebration. Dir. Mahoney highlighted several city programs. The hazardous waste program has been successful as a voucher program, reducing the long lines of traffic waiting to drop off their hazardous waste. Mahoney is hoping to have another one in the fall but another one will be held in the Spring 2019. Electronics can be dropped off at BLH Computers on Stevenson Drive. Up to 3 addresses are permitted. Please check the city's website for additional details. Yard waste and leaf bag pickups are now the responsibility of the hauler. Dir. Mahoney stated Republic Services is still to pick up yard waste bags during the free period if we have corporate contract. Mahoney reminded residents leaf bags can be taken to Evan's Recycling for \$1 per bag. A fall free pickup will occur in November.

Pres. Thomas asked Dir. Mahoney about old railroad bed being turned into a bike path, referring to the proposed bike lane plan by Greg Stumpf. Pres. Thomas stated paving the railroad bed from Mayden Rd. to Menards would allow Twin Lakes' residents to get to several Dirksen businesses without having to go onto Dirksen. Sec/Treas. April Poole stated several residents whose properties back up to the railroad bed are complaining of the overgrowth and want this area cleaned up, preventing the homeless from staying there and creating brushfires as in past years. Pres. Thomas also reported Shaner's has not completed securing their property and believe it's a dangerous area where our kids could wander and get hurt. Dir. Mahoney can't promise a bike path but will look into it but will definitely get the area cleaned up. Shaner's will be contacted about securing their property.

Pres. Thomas informed members City Treasurer Misty Buscher sent her regards as she was unavailable due to a scheduled family event. Also City Clerk and former Ward 4 alderman Frank Edwards was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Pres. Thomas introduced Frank Squires, Managing Director of Sangamon Mass Transit. Dir. Squires became aware of the neighborhood's concerns over the bus route coming through Twin Lakes. Dir. Squires introduced Sandra Douglas, Twin Lakes resident and SMTD trustee. Dir. Squires stated bus routes hadn't been redesigned since 1968 and would be incorporating routes to the new transit center which will be at from 9th to 11th Streets and Adams to Washington. With the new transit center, there will not be any more on street transfers.

Dir. Squires stated the proposed route would run North to South through Twin Lakes, starting at Mayden Road onto Twin Lakes Dr., turning right onto Biscayne, turning right onto Twin Lakes Dr., and exiting Twin Lakes by turning left on to Piper Road. When asked about ridership numbers and number of stops, Dir. Squires was unsure of ridership and stated the number of stops hadn't been determined yet. Dir. Squires stated he had driven the route through Twin Lakes in 4.5 minutes and the newly proposed Mayden/Piper route around Twin Lakes in 2.5 minutes. A bus stops for approx. 30 to 45 seconds, depending upon riders getting on or off. Dir. Squires stated a bus would travel every 30 minutes, from 6:15am to approx. 6:15pm.

Member Deb Santini asked if a needs study had been completed which Squires admitted one hadn't been completed. Member Jake Patterson is concerned about the additional repair costs the city and even the subdivision would incur due to damage caused to Twin Lakes' roads and lakes. Dir. Squires and Dir. Mahoney believe the roads will be able to handle the additional bus traffic but that some work would have to be done at the lakes.

Member Lyn Kelly asked if the bus route was set in stone. Member Margaret Parks stated a public meeting was held in February without notification which Dir. Squires stated notification was done through the local newspaper and met federal requirements. Member Nila Riggs wanted to know if public opinion mattered in the decision. Dir. Squires stated yes, your opinion matters and suggested sending letters, petitions and coming to the next SMTD board meeting, scheduled for Monday, June 24, 4:30pm, located at SMTD headquarters, 928 S. 9th St.

Member Leland Mosely and SMTD bus driver, who probably would be the driver for this route, believes it would be good for the neighborhood. Member Lashonda Fitch feels it is a valuable service but feels it would be serve the subdivision by going around it on Mayden and Piper Rds. Member Dan McGowan is concerned about the number of kids playing in/near the streets and the

lack of sidewalks along the streets the bus would travel. Dir. Squires stated there hadn't been a bus accident.

Member Riggs asked if anyone had requested the bus service while Member Cathy Ricca asked if SMTD had any true data about ridership. Dir. Squires stated a few had requested but no true data analysis had been completed. Dir. Squires did confirm that every bus would be handicap accessible and would carry kids to school. Member Riggs reminded others that the Access Bus does door-to-door pickup for a nominal fee. Member Dianne Grey asked if no ridership, how long before the route would be discontinued due to low ridership and if the bus service would be suspended during our garage sales and fireworks events. Dir. Squires stated smart technology is used to determine ridership and when and where riders get on and off the bus.

Sec/Treas. Poole stated the board believes this service is valuable to residents but feels the service should run on Mayden and Piper Rds. due to road width and condition, potential road damage at the lakes, lack of sidewalks and children playing in/near the streets. The TLHA board recommends to SMTD the bus run on Mayden and Piper Roads with stops at our entrances. Dir. Squires suggested TLHA board get a petition throughout the neighborhood and provide it to SMTD. Trustee Douglas stated she was appalled about the newsletter article concerning ridership and also stated if majority of residents didn't want the bus service, she would vote against it.

Pres. Thomas wanted to get a vote of the membership present concerning the bus service. 32 people oppose the bus service going through Twin Lakes while 37 approve the bus service going around Twin Lakes on Mayden and Piper Roads. 3 people voted for the service within Twin Lakes. Pres. Thomas directed Sec/Treas. Poole to create a petition and announced board members will ask members to voice their opinion on the bus service via the petition. Board members will present the petitions at the SMTD monthly meeting on June 24th.

Sec/Treas. Poole presented the annual treasurer's report and the expenditure and deposit detail reports that were out on the tables. Member Paula Harris asked if the insurance had recently been shopped. Sec/Treas. Poole said it had not in the last 5 yrs. but could be done before the insurance is due in November. Member Ricca asked if we are getting enough donations for fireworks and if enough money had been raised for the parachute team. Sec/Treas. Poole explained the fireworks fund had enough money for the show but not for the parachute team which costs \$1000.

Member Kathy Barker asked since there are two garage sales per year if the food truck proceeds from one of them could be used to fundraise for the playground fund. Sec/Treas. Poole stated the food truck is ran by the Fireworks Committee and thus the proceeds should go to the Fireworks Fund. Sec/Treas. Poole encouraged a Playground fundraising committee be formed to do further fundraising for the playgrounds. Unidentified member asked if Menards had been asked to donate to the playgrounds with naming rights. Pres. Thomas stated Menards has been very negative when working with them on other issues.

Sec/Treas. Poole presented the budget for the 2018-2019 year. Poole explained the reason for the increases and decreases in the line items in the proposed budget.

Sec/Treas. Poole gave the Fireworks Committee report as the co-chairs were unavailable. The Firework celebration is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, at 9:15. Twin Lakes Dr. will be closed promptly at 5pm. The DJ will start playing music at 7:00pm. Everything is ready.

Sec/Treas. Poole announced the 2017-2018 board accomplishments while Pres. Thomas announced the proposed projects for the 2018-2019 year. Pres. Thomas described the 4 options the board is considering for Lot 1 which include: a community garden; storage units; senior citizen housing; or a community center. Trees were cut down to reduce the number of skunks and other animals living in the overgrown area.

Pres. Thomas asked for suggestions for additional projects and asked for volunteers to assist with those projects. Member Ricca notified the board a dead tree on common property needed to be cut down. Member Jeremy Viele asked for a trash can to be put at the lakes to hopefully reduce trash in and around the lakes. Additionally, members asked for additional signs concerning the amount of fish that could be taken from the lakes. The board will review all items.

Pres. Thomas asked for additional people to sign up to stand for board election. 7 people wrote their names on the board. John Thomas, Diane Bobek, April Poole (2 yr. term), Lashonda Fitch, Jake Patterson, Debra Mosley, and Debby Guimard. Nominations were closed.

Sec/Treas. Poole recognized and thanked the spouses and families of the board members who put up with board members sometime putting the needs of the association before their own. Pres. Thomas recognized Dave Mytar for his numerous years of service on the board.

Member Lashonda Fitch moved for adjournment. Member Cathy Ricca seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Following the meeting, ballots were counted. John Thomas, April Poole, Jake Patterson, Lashonda Fitch, and Diane Bobek received the most votes. At 8:40, April convened a quick meeting of the newly elected board. April Poole and Diane Bobek will fill the 2 yr. terms, ending in 2020. John, Jake and Lashonda will fill the 3 yr. terms, ending in 2021. April certified the TLHA board was a full board. April asked for nominations for President. John Thomas was nominated and he accepted. Passed Unanimously. John assumed meeting and asked for nominations for Vice-President. Diane Bobek was nominated and accepted. Passed unanimously. April Poole was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer and accepted. Passed unanimously.

April asked for phone #s and email addresses from new board members. April will set up new group text. John stated he would like to form committees and keep the other people who put their names up for the board involved in our activities. John would like to invite Jay Rees, Debbie Guimard, Debby Mosely, and Jeremy Viele to assist with various activities

The total amount of fireworks donations received during the meeting was \$5. The board will hold its first official meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 6pm at King Pin Lanes.