

RAINTREE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 6, 2004 MINUTES

Board members present: Bill Jenuwine, Barb Layman, Debbie Doyle, Mike Mohr, Kern Smith

Guests: Tom Sommers, Keith Van Gorder, Pat Murphy, Stacey Pilut, Michele Piscopink, Henrean Prater, Marty Ceremuga, Dennis Duquette, Phyllis Slattery

Bill motioned to approve the minutes with the following corrections: 1) No approval was given for filling in ruts caused by the ash tree removal in Forest Commons. 2) Global Releaf program is a dollar for dollar matching grant up to \$1000 with a \$5 per tree handling fee. Kern second to approve minutes with corrections noted.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS: Pat Murphy, Stacey Pilut and Henrean Prater offered to become board members. All welcomed and thanked them.

TREASURER REPORT: Kern explained current status of the treasury account and what expenses are absolutely necessary for Raintree to operate. Phyllis Slattery asked if RVHA has to hold no more than 10% in reserve. Henrean will follow up on this. Kern also noted that the annual non-profit papers are filed with the state.

PARKS:

> Marty Ceremuga, resident on Forest Commons indicated that now that the ash trees are gone, that a problem exists with ponding water. Dirt has historically been added to the area. Bill thought that because of the standing water that this could become a mosquito problem. Kern noted that with more sunlight now able to reach the ground that the area may be drier and standing water should not be a problem. Bill had checked into the price of topsoil and motioned that 5 yards of topsoil at a cost of \$45 be brought in. This would be purchased from Universal Topsoil. Barb second. Motion

passed for Bill to order this and have it delivered as soon as possible.

>Forest Commons Clean up: Bill mentioned that the company that did the Ash tree removal, Harry Fox, left too much debris in the woods. Several other residents agreed with this and thought that a clean up of the woods should be done this fall. Kern contacted JH Hart who is removing the citywide ash trees for a quote and a chipper from them would be \$1300/day. Bill contacted Davey Tree, which would run \$280/4 hours (minimum) or \$70/hour. Chips could be deposited back into the woods. It was agreed that the amount of twigs/branches that are left in the woods would only require a few hours of chipping. A lengthy discussion on the placement of the chipper was held and it was finally decided that it would be placed in the center of the woods. All debris would then be collected and placed at certain key locations in the woods and then taken to the chipper. Bill would check to see if the cost would be more from Davey Tree to place the chipper in the center of the woods as opposed to the entrance to Forest Commons off of Sandburg. Kern motioned to approve up to \$500 for this. Debbie second. A letter will be sent out to surrounding neighbors informing them of the clean up and the need for volunteers. Kern also mentioned that JH Hart would not quote for ash tree removal for Village Commons due to the concentration of trees and the possible damage to healthy trees. They would not consider doing a cable and drop system due to the cost and manpower required for that. Several residents thought that Harry Fox seemed a bit aggressive in the removal process and could have been more careful. Kern reminded that Harry Fox is a mass tree clearing company and some damage to healthy trees and ruts in the ground could be expected due to the heavy equipment required for the job.

>Global Releaf Grant: Bill explained the Global Releaf Grant that Raintree was approved for. Various trees were mentioned for replanting and discussed some locations for placement. Bill will check into deferring the grant until the spring when more research can be done on the types of trees that should be planted and where. It was also suggested that the Boy/Girl Scouts might be a resource for help in planting.

>Bill mentioned a state contract-pricing program that may be available to Raintree soon for ash tree removal. Kern mentioned that the quote from Harry Fox for Village Commons is good until summer of 2005. Tom Sommers asked if the ash trees in Abbey Commons could be removed soon. He thought that a company could remove them when the ground is frozen and less damage would be done to the lawn. Harry Fox does have smaller equipment for areas such as Abbey. Kern will follow up with them to verify this. It was agreed to table any decision until the November meeting. Bill will get more information for the state-pricing program.

HALLOWEEN PARADE/WARMING HOUSES:

It was decided that due to the budget and lack of volunteers that a Halloween Parade will not be done this year. Warming houses will be done. Debbie will make arrangements. She asked for up to \$100 for supplies (cider, donuts, paper products). Kern motioned to approve. Barb second.

COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING DUES/LIENS:

Mike Mohr explained the process necessary for placing liens on outstanding dues. Barb mentioned that she had spoke with an attorney and was uncertain as to the cost for this. It would be less costly to have someone volunteer to do this. Small claims court is also a possibility.

Bill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barb second.