

# RAINTREE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## SEPTEMBER 10 2012 MINUTES

In David Eisenbacher's absence Craig Chamberlain called the meeting to order.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Craig Chamberlain, Debbie Doyle, Bill Jenuwine, Ann Lemke

Guests:

Elizabeth Meridan, Kris Jetke, Marc Stemmer, Laurel Stemmer, Suzanne Shermetaro, Michael Kemen

> Craig indicated an email to Kim Beasley is necessary to find out her status as a Board member.

### REVIEW/APPROVE/AMEND JUNE 2012 MINUTES:

> Craig amended the June minutes with the following changes: Anne Milowe correct spelling of first name and the motion to approve Craig Chamberlain \$10.80 should have included postage.

>Craig motioned to approve the June minutes with the above changes. Ann second. Motion approved.

### TREASURER REPORT

>No report due to Anne Milowe's absence.

>Bill motioned to approve payment to K&S Tree Service \$1325 for the removal of 3 trees in Forest and Village Commons. This was an emergency removal of the trees due to the fact that they were at risk of damaging property. Ann second. Motion passed

>Craig motioned that RVHA pay the HOA insurance policy with Auto Owners in the amount of \$3545.00. Ann second. Motion passed.

>Bill motioned to pay the \$20 annual fee to the State of Michigan. This is for the State of Michigan nonprofit organization annual report. Craig second. Motion passed.

>Annual Audit - this is a requirement per RVHA's CC&R's. Craig mentioned that he has one contact. Debbie suggested that it's best to get at least another quote and she knows another HOA in Troy and can contact them and see who they can recommend as another accountant.

>Ann motioned to reimburse Craig Chamberlain in the amount of \$15.50 for research copies at Oakland County for small claims court.

### COMMON AREAS:

#### >ABBAY COMMONS -

Oakland Outdoor (fertilizer company) informed RVHA that the dirt mounds in the common area are moles. He uses a poison type gummy worm to take care of the moles.

#### >FOREST COMMONS-

>Craig mentioned that it is not necessary to remove the tree house steps from the Copper Beech tree in the center of the park.

>This past winter did not get cold enough to remove the 7 large dead branches from Oak tree at northwest corner of park. Will get future bid for removal winter 2013.

#### >LAKESIDE COMMONS-

> Invoice of \$1525 from County Tree was received. This service and amount was previously approved. Check to be mailed.

>VILLAGE COMMONS-

>Removal of Buckthorn- previous attempt was cancelled due to lack of volunteers. It was suggested to hire out for this project.

> BISHOP ISLAND-

> Debbie provided an update on the new plantings from Tom's Landscaping completed in June. She mentioned that due to the hot summer the new flowering Crab looks a bit stressed. Some of the neighbors were watering but were concerned with the additional cost to do so. Debbie wasn't sure if Tom's was coming by with the water truck as they had promised and she will contact them regarding this. Barb Layman will wait until spring for any additional plantings. It's best to wait out the winter and see what survives.

DUES COLLECTION UPDATE- CRAIG CHAMBERLAIN

>Craig provided an update on the dues collection

> Craig listed the ones to be in the next batch scheduled for small claims court

VOICEMAIL/EMAIL

>All were responded to over the summer.

WALK -IN ISSUES

> Craig provided an overview of a neighbor disagreement. Resident Suzanne Shermetaro contacted RVHA over the summer regarding her backyard neighbor who had chopped down her bush/hedge that grows at the back property line. There is also a fence issue that may be illegal. She is very concerned what her neighbor will do next as they have also encroached on to her property in cutting up her bush. With discussion through email over the summer, the Board decided that this is not a RVHA issue and it was suggested to Mrs. Shermetaro to contact the police or the City of Troy. She did contact the police who made a site visit and also had Gary Bowers from the City visit her property. Resident Mike Keman also asked for RVHA's help in assisting them with this situation. After some lengthy discussion the Board agreed that this is a civil matter and suggested that small claims court may be the answer to solve this issue. This is a matter between homeowners and no RVHA funds could be used for such a situation. Mrs. Shermetaro did indicate that she has a family member that is an attorney and will discuss this with him.

Meeting Adjourned

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 8 2012 BAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL 7 PM ROOM 108

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