

Sherwood Forest Board Meeting September 13, 2021

Location: 6302 Sherwood Lane, Merriam Ks 66203

Present: Jim Duggan, President; Jim Norris, Vice President; Bob Coleman, Treasurer; Dee Norris, Chair Island Committee; Directors: Gary Reed, Jake Culwell, Ashley Stambaugh, Carol Eubank

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Jim Duggan announced that Donna DeLeon resigned her position as Secretary due to health issues and changes at work that require her focus. We thank Donna for her voluntary service on the board for the past two years and wish her well. Carol Eubank was asked to take minutes of the meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 9 meeting were read. Carol, who made the original motion regarding placement of a bench in memory of Anne Ninneman, recommended the corrections to the minutes made by LD Chamberlain be approved. A motion was made by Ashley and seconded by Jim N to accept the corrections. The motion was approved.

Arrangements will be made in the future to store a copy of the minutes on the Sherwood Forest website.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: A copy of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss through August 2021 was distributed by Bob. A copy can be found on the Sherwood Forest website. Bob reported a net balance of \$8,173.41 and total assets of \$14,582. It was noted that there would be significant upcoming expenses as decisions are made on the entry erosion project.

Island Committee: Dee announced that she and Gary met with a design consultant from Arbor Masters on September 9 to discuss options to correct the erosion occurring on both sides of the entrance to the Forest. The representative from Arbor Masters is working up several options that will be presented to the board when they are available.

Architectural Committee: A question was raised as to whether the Architectural Committee had been contacted to review construction plans and specifications of some construction that appears to be occurring in the neighborhood. Jim D agreed to contact the resident to gather more information.

Old Business:

Entry Landscape: Discussed during Island Committee report (above).

Annual Meeting: Ashley reported that she has been in touch with the Merriam Community Center to discuss options for holding the annual meeting at the MCC, including eating outside (weather permitting) in consideration of COVID protocol. Ashley is checking further into food options. Ashley moved and Jim N seconded that the event be scheduled for Sunday, October 10 from 4:00 to 6:00PM with the business meeting starting at 4:00 followed by dinner. The motion was approved. Jim D moved and Jake seconded that a room be reserved inside the MCC in case of inclement weather. The motion was approved. **Details on the annual meeting to follow.** Carol agreed to submit an application to Merriam for the “Block Party Grant” program which, if accepted, would partially pay for food at the annual meeting and social. It was agreed that our City Council representatives, Bob Pape and David Neal along with David Easley Community Development Director be invited to attend the Sherwood Forest annual meeting.

Slate of Directors: The current board of directors each agreed to be placed on the slate of candidates for 2022. It was announced that two additional members have volunteered to be candidates bringing the total number of candidates to nine. The By-Laws allow that not more than 10 Directors constitute the Board for the ensuing year. Members will vote on the slate of candidates at the annual meeting. Members unable to attend the annual meeting may vote by proxy. The proxy form and instructions are located on the website: sherwoodforestmerriam.com under “documents”. The slate of directors will be forthcoming prior to the meeting. In accordance with the By-Laws, Officers will be elected by the newly elected Board of Directors at a meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

2022 Budget: Bob presented information on the proposed budget for the ensuing year. There was discussion regarding some necessary increases of some line items based on expenditures in 2021. The Directors agreed on the proposed budget as presented. Members will have an opportunity to comment on the budget at the annual meeting. Copies of the proposed budget will be made available on the website prior to the meeting and will be made available at the annual meeting. The Directors present will then vote on the budget at the annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:37.

Submitted by,