

## Woodmont Country Club

### Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 at the Home of Ryan Crompton.

**Present:** Rick Devitte, Debra Seiler, Jeremy Brewer, Sharon Morehouse, Mary Eun, Sue Clarke, Jennifer Jacobson, Rorie Zajac and Nancy Kennedy

**Members Absent:** Carol Belland

**Guests:** Ryan Crompton and Tree Committee Members Carlotta Smith, Jan Anderson and Kjersten Johansen.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the addition of insurance quotes under General Business.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting were not available. Sue Clarke said she would type them up and submit them to the Board by email.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mary passed out the current Treasurer's report and indicated that we have 138 paid members. She said most all major bills for the year have been paid.

#### General Business (Old):

- **Tree Policy:** Sue Clarke introduced members of the Tree Committee. She explained the Shoreline Management Act and the critical areas. She went through the draft policy and answered questions posed by Debra. There was discussion on verbiage for the policy in the directory and what should be explained online on the WCC website. It was decided to use the amended policy through the end of 2018.
- **Tree Committee Recommendations:** Kjersten Johansen explained tree trimming requests of those on the bluff. Sue handed out the contract agreement and geotechnical opinion of Maire Thornton of Earthworks. Maire is reluctant to complete the agreement until she has a contract in place and requires \$750 to complete, with total costs not to exceed \$1,000. This amount will be divided and reimbursed by the parties involved in the request. It was moved to approve the expenditure of \$750 by Mary, seconded by Nancy to complete the contract and move this process forward. The vote was unanimous. Sue indicated that the Tree Committee Meeting minutes will be attached to these minutes.
- **Matt Small Dead Tree:** It was determined that this tree should be added to the other requests for tree removal and trimming. Sue also mentioned some trees along the beach road that the arborist needs to look at and add to these requests. Rorie will email Matt and inform him that this tree will be added to the other requests.

Debra said that she and Jan Anderson had met Joanna Nelson De Flores from Forterra, a nonprofit organization that emphasizes land conservation, stewardship and community building. They are currently working to build Green partnerships with Cities of which Des

Moines is one of the twelve cities signed up. They work with organizations, cities, clubs and citizens. I spoke with her and she thought that someone from Forterra might be willing to look at our property (focus on trees) and possibly Woodmont Park plus speak at one of our annual meetings. They are having three open forums with one at the DM Beach Park (date still to be determined). Debra said she and Jan are planning to attend to try to build this relationship and all are welcome to come. Debra will keep everyone updated on the upcoming date.

Concern was again expressed about the mountain beaver holes that are getting bigger and more intrusive. Sharon said she had obtained bids about a year ago to pursue eliminating these voracious diggers. Jeremy asked her to share that information with him again, which she said she would do.

- **Insurance Quotes:** Rick Devitte passed out information on additions to general liability as well as additional coverage for directors and officers. It was moved and seconded to increase our general liability from \$1 million to \$2 million for an additional \$651 to the existing \$1,552 now paid.
- Debra asked for an update on the cameras/entryway/shed update. Ryan said he has not had time to work on this due to work restraints, but first step will be to determine where electrical lines are located and to clear away ivy around the existing sign. Concern was expressed about walking to the plaza. Jeremy encouraged anyone who has had incidents with traffic going too fast to email the Des Moines Mayor.

#### **Maintenance:**

- **Al Smith Stairs Update:** Jeremy is waiting for a quote on concrete stairs. This is a work in progress. Rorie mentioned that she got a call from Larry Knutsen, who's property abuts these stairs, that he would like to be involved in the improvement of these stairs. Jeremy said he would contact him. Sharon suggested replacing the Al Smith stairs with same material used on the north beach stairs.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- **Social:** Nancy indicated that three households have agreed to host for Tour de Woodmont. She also indicated that a new organizer is needed for the Kids Parade as Karin Stender is stepping down. Rorie said the WUUU (Woodmont Union of the Unexplained and Unresolved) will take place at her home on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. Attendees must RSVP. Mary shared information that her husband John's band would be performing on October 5, 6 and 7.
- **Membership:** No report.
- **Boats/Plaza Reservations:** No report.
- **Trees Request:** Previously reported.
- **Communication:** Jennifer reported no more Friday blasts now that the summer season is over. It was agreed that updates will go out as the holiday approaches or as needed.

- **Board Member Conduct:** Rorie indicated she received a complaint from a member who implied he was harassed by a board member due to tree trimming. Sharon indicated she had talked to the tree trimmers, not the owner, advising them that a permit was needed. Rorie brought this up only as a reminder for all board members to be aware of how we conduct ourselves.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Kennedy, Acting Secretary

Attachment: Minutes of Tree Committee Meeting

Ask BOD For  
LIST of approved  
Tree Companies

WOODMONT COUNTRY CLUB  
Tree Committee Minutes

September 16, 2018

The tree committee meeting was called for 1:00 pm. In attendance were Chairperson Susan Clarke, Sharon Morehouse, Carlotta Smith and Jan Anderson.

Susan began by sharing the rough draft of the new tree policy written at the previous meeting. The rough draft had been sent to the WCC Board of Directors, but no response had been received. It was determined that we would go ahead writing the new tree policy based on this rough draft.

Because both the City of Des Moines and Shorelines Management consider Woodmont Beach a critical area with possibilities of unstable slopes, the committee discussed the new City of Des Moines Tree Regulations and the Shoreline Management map and materials before proceeding with rules and recommendations for a new WCC tree policy. Because, in the past, some club members have disregarded the tree committee's denial of their requests, we also discussed having penalties attached to work that is done outside the boundaries, rules and regulations of the Club, the City and Shorelines Management.

Each line, phrase and sentence of the rough draft was studied and discussed. Much was left intact, but changes were made where it seemed to make the rules more clearly understood. Some sentences and phrases, which have become irrelevant over time, were left out.

For instance, the word "removal" was changed to "management" in paragraph one. The last sentence was added in paragraph two. The subject of costs was reworded in paragraph three to make it clear that all costs would be borne by the property owner. Paragraph four was added in its entirety.

Under Reasons for Trimming Trees, the first reason was removed as irrelevant. The sentence on Shorelines Management was added. And a former rule was put back into the policy about evergreen trees.

Reasons for Removal was not changed.

Replacement was reworded to be more explanatory.

Procedures for Requesting Trimming or Removal of Trees and Vegetation was reformatted into a numbered list.

The section on Definitions was eliminated as redundant or unnecessary.

The section on Penalties was added.

The Links to important websites remains unchanged.

The paragraph about the purpose of the policy remains unchanged.

The various points for the rest of the policy were numbered for ease of use and understanding.

In point number one, the time limit was taken out as being unrealistic.

The rest of the policy remains unchanged.

Susan will type up the changes and submit this newest policy to the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Jan Anderson, Acting Secretary