Minutes of March 11, 2023 Special Meeting At The Park

The meeting began at 9:30am with Board Members: Trent Granhold, Vicky McCollim & Karen Rump

The following neighbors attended: Betty Granhold, Randy Rutherford, Alex Waheed, Mike Brown, Patricia Brown, Jon Patterson, Nancy Poulos, Matt Boerlage, Erica Boerlage, Bill Haidamous, Linda Haidamous, Sally Guajardo, Art Guajardo.

The following items were on the agenda to discuss regarding the park, lake and entrance:

Tree trimming- If everyone pitched in we can get the trees trimmed and save lots of money that could be used for other things.

-The men were in favor of helping and bringing the needed equipment to do the work. Trent will rent a chipper to create our own mulch from the cut tree branches. Alex will bring chain saws, helpers from his company, trailers, and equipment to reach the higher branches.

Walkway at the park to the lake edge - this is the crushed granite walkway from the parking spots to the lake. It needs to be cleaned up and fresh Granite.

-Everyone wants it cleaned up and not worry about the granite right now. Let's just see how it looks.

Plants- Remove dead plants and possibly replace with new ones.

-Everyone agreed this was a good idea but only replace with evergreen bushes or plants. Noone wanted to be in charge of picking the new plants, so Karen and Vicky will create a list and purchase them to be planted on our work day.

Flowers - Should we plant colorful flowers.

-The people who responded wanted to see seasonal Color. Karen and Vicky will add this to our shopping list.

Mulch - We need dirt and mulch in the flower beds.

-We can create our own mulch from the tree branches using a chipper. Trent will rent the chipper and be in charge of that machine.

Benches - Should we put a few benches around the park.

-Noone was in favor of this because they didn't want the park to look too inviting for people driving through the neighborhood.

Lights - Should we replace the lights or just clean the ones we have and keep using them

-Everyone decided to just clean the existing lights. Mike thought we should have color lights. Noone really said much to that idea. Vicky mentioned that we will need to treat the area for fire ants because they are all over the lights and beds. We will get that done before work day.

Stone placement- Should we use the white stone that was at the entrance

-Everyone decided to use it around the big flower bed. If there are any left, Jon mentioned that they should be sold. Karen feels that the neighbors should be able to just take the leftovers. We will see how many if any are left and make the decision on work day.

Boulders near water- Should we put boulders in the corners of the lake for Atmosphere.

-Everyone seem to think this was a waste of money and could create more areas that would need maintenance

in the future.

Information sign posting meeting dates -Sign to be placed at the park to remind everyone of meeting dates.

-Noone seemed to like this idea

Concrete ditch cleaning - Clean grass out of concrete ditch

-Decided to wait and get bids to take care of the ongoing problem of the grass growing in the cracks

Rearranging flower beds- Should we reconstruct the flower beds and create something different

-Noone liked that idea because they want to keep it natural looking and not like "The Woodlands"

Fix roof at pump house- The roof is leaking and we are having a professional fix it

Fix boards on the bridges- We need some boards replaced on all four of our Bridges.

 Decided to hire someone because once the boards are fixed, the bridges will need to be powerwashed and repainted. We will get bids.

Regarding the park, everyone seemed to like the idea of keeping it natural and low maintenance. Keep it a place for our neighborhood meetings and gatherings.

We created Team leaders for March 25th Work Day:

Alex - provide equipment and lead the tree trimming

Matt- Gather man power for the overall cleanup

Randy- Grill time

Trent - Rent chipper and bring trailer

Erica - Command Central

Karen & Vicky - Plant purchase and placement

Matt brought up a previous board discussion on putting a sidewalk around the lake. He believes this would not be good for our neighborhood because it would invite outsiders to walk around our lake and could become a safety issue. He feels our money could be spent in better ways. Nancy and a few other neighbors agreed with him. If we got a sidewalk, they would want a fence so it could only be used by our residents. Also, a sidewalk creates more lawn maintenance which will cost more money yearly, which could lead to raising dues. Other opinions were by the board members regarding safety. This sidewalk can be a safer place to walk, especially by those on motorized scooters or young kids.

There are mixed emotions regarding this topic. Please understand that we can not afford to do it on our own. We would need The county to pay for all or most of the cost. This would also include lights, and possible maintenance. Even then, we don't know if we could afford it. This is only in the thought process. We will see what the county says and if we can afford it, then a special meeting will be held to make sure at least 50% of the neighbors want to move forward with the process.

Another question asked by the board was: What are some of the things you would like to see done in the neighborhood.

Here are a few things mentioned:

Justin (not there but told me later) - hire a lawyer to prepare Stone View to be closed off once Holdereth has gone through to Mueschke.

Mike- Can we get colored lights at the park

Randy- Clean-up and maintenance, trim trees, paint & powerwash, new landscaping

Jon- monument in the center of the park

2 neighbors - neighborhood safety and speed of traffic. Work to close off Amira traffic.

Matt- Better communication, He offered to put information on facebook