

Eastmorland Community Association Monthly Meeting – June 12, 2018

Minutes

Board Directors & Officers: Kathy Soukup, President Fred Svensson, Vice Presiden Dan Zimmerman, Treasurer and Secretary	Bobbi Nowak Carrie Ezzell Grant Foster Kris Whitman Bryn Thompson Patrick Soukup
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1. Call to order and call for changes to the agenda

All Board Directors and Officers were present with the exception of Bobbi Nowak, who was excused. Two items were added to the agenda: 1) Set a date for annual membership meeting for 2019; and 2) Discuss support for future block parties in the neighborhood.

2. Review and approval of minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting

Ms. Ezzell moved to approve the minutes “as is.” Mr. Svensson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review and approval of minutes of the June 3rd annual membership meeting

Mr. Zimmerman noted that the minutes indicate Ms. Ezzell was elected in absentia for 2018 – 2019; because she was last voted onto the Board in May 2017, so the phrase “in absentia” is unnecessary as directors serve a two year term. **Ms. Ezzell moved to approve the minutes “as is” with the one correction noted. Ms. Soukup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

4. Treasurer’s Report

The plant sale for treatment of neighborhood ash trees raised \$512.08. The following table provides corrections to the information presented at the meeting.

	Balances as of 05/31/2018	This month		Total
		Contributions	Ad Revenue	
General fund	\$12,318.70	\$170.00	\$1,189.30	\$13,678.00
Save the Park Ash Trees	\$4,392.26	\$782.08		\$5,174.34
Total Checking/Savings	\$16,710.96			\$18,852.34
Paypal account (ash trees)	\$0.00	\$245.00		\$245.00
Accounts Overdue	\$168.33			\$168.33
Checks not Cashed (Liability)	\$0.00	\$49.59		\$49.59
Prepaid ads	\$1,509.50			\$1,509.50
Balance	\$15,369.79	\$1,197.08	\$1,189.30	\$17,756.17

5. Set a date for the 2019 membership meeting

Saturday, May 4th was recommended to be the date of the next annual membership meeting. Ms. Soukup will check to see if the downstairs room at the church is available.

6. Discuss support for future block parties in the neighborhood

Ms. Ezzell indicated that there is interest among some persons in the neighborhood for hosting a block party as a way to get to know neighbors. She asked about possible ECA financial assistance and sponsorship of a block party. Mr. Zimmerman responded by saying that ECA does not carry an insurance policy, so sponsorship of such an event provides potential liability for ECA and its directors. He also indicated that potential hosts should develop and submit a proposed budget for such a block party including costs, if any, for a city permit, to the ECA for a vote appropriating funds to support the event.

7. Discussion of ECA's tax status

Mr. Zimmerman noted that ECA was incorporated on May 17, 1957 as a non-stock, non-profit corporation pursuant to ch. 181, Wisconsin Statutes (see <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/181.pdf>). The following definitions from s. 181.0103 are pertinent:

(17) "Nonprofit corporation" means a corporation that does not make distributions, except as authorized under s. 181.1302 (1), (2) and (3).

(18) "Nonstock corporation" means a corporation without capital stock.

ECA files an annual report with the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) as required in the statutes. However, ECA has not sought tax exempt status with the federal IRS and has not filed tax returns. Mr. Zimmerman discussed three options for ECA to address this issue:

- a) Continue "as is" by filing the annual report with DFI and not file any federal tax return.
- b) File a tax return for CY 2018. The IRS may notice and request tax returns to be filed for the prior six years and payment of any tax due in addition to applicable penalties and interest.
- c) Dissolve ECA and reincorporate on the same day or next day while concurrently applying for a new federal EIN and for § 501 (c) (4) tax exempt status with the IRS.

Mr. Foster moved to have Mr. Zimmerman potential issues with the above three options and report on his findings at the next meeting. Mr. Svensson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Call for agenda items for the July 10th meeting

In addition to the regular business agenda items (e.g., approval of the prior meeting's minutes), the following items were identified: 1) Update from city staff on the reconstruction of Atwood Avenue; 2) Update on the neighborhood sign; 3) Further discussion on ECA's tax status; and 4) Update on any issues in the continued publication of the ECA quarterly newsletter.

A presentation from city staff on the master plan for Olbrich Gardens will be on the agenda for August.

Adjourned at 8:30.

Submitted by Dan Zimmerman, Secretary