

**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
University Hill Farms Association  
February 11, 2017 Approved May 13, 2017  
Covenant Presbyterian Church

Officers and Board Members Present: Peter Hughes, Jacki Lawton, Kathy Thompson, Julia Barnes-Stein, Nick Schweitzer, Mike Lawton, , Joe Keyes, Henry Hempe, Marilyn Howell, David Lewandowski, Brendon Dybdahl

Excused: Mary Whitcomb, Ron Harris

Guests: Alder Tim Gruber, Sarah Bogen

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Motion to approve the November 13, 2016 amended meeting minutes made by Schweitzer and seconded by Keyes. Motion approved.

2. **Alder's Report Tim Gruber**

Tim spoke on a wide range of topics including: Frey Street Hotel approvals still working way through City reviews, pan-handling will be banned from major intersections within 60 days, Open & Welcoming City in part because the Police want cooperation from immigrants, a street light has been requested for dark area on Segoe Road near the schools, Speed signal is expected to be installed near Segoe Rd and Richland Terrace this season, Frey Street Hotel traffic is a concern – Frey St & Segoe Road will continue to be a nob-traditional intersection despite erratic driver decisions, City Cpmprehensive Plan is underway, Park Visionary planning is underway with an on-line survey, Well 14 salt levels are a concern with test of well condition and salt levels in use, Lighthouse Church Christian School will be moving, church and early childhood center will remain on Regent Street at Whitney Way, to remain, Mid-Town Police Station design and construction are still on track, new park bench placed in Garner Park.

3. **Planning – Mike Lawton**

Frey Street Hotel meeting with developer is scheduled with a few members of the Planning Committee. Traffic is expected to be the major issue for UHFA.

Neighborhood boundaries were established with the development in the 50's to include the Single Family and Duplex housing. Inclusion of multi-family dwellings was considered at one time but decided not to pursue because of the difference in zoning and resident interests.

Alder Gruber reported that the North and South sides of Madison have umbrella associations to include individual Neighborhood Associations, which the mid-west Associations could consider. There is not perceived to be a need at this time.

4. **Schools: Julia Stein-Barnes**

The VHE playground project is not proceeding as quickly as hoped. Julia suggested a donation of \$250 as a reimbursable gift for a Welcome Sign near the driveway on Segoe Road as the front of VHE is being moved to the Segoe Road side on the building. The sign would be similar to the Welcome Sign at Mineral Point Road and S. Whitney Way.

**Motion: Nick Schweitzer moved, second by Joe Keyes to approve \$250 for the sign after the sign is installed.**

5. **Tom Favour passing:** Joe will provide a picture and a short article for the newsletter regarding Tom Favour's many contributions to the neighborhood, including service on the ARC and Planning Committee. A poster will be created for display at the July 4<sup>th</sup> Picnic.

6. **Past President Report: Henry Hempe** reported on the new park policy to allow leashed dogs in parks. Garner Park was part of the pilot project but not mentioned in recent Wisconsin State Journal article. Henry will pursue the omission.

7. **Tree Survey: Sarah Bogen**

Sarah reported the tree survey is complete expect for some minor paper work. 7,303 trees on private property were surveyed on 92% of the lots. The trees in Hill Farms are generally healthy and a diverse population of 80 species. Ash trees make up only 6.6% of the neighborhood trees. Oak Wilt is a concern for the Bayfield/FDL/Lafayette.

8. **President Report:**

9. **Treasurer Report:** Dave Lewandowski reported the \$2500 contribution for the City HF Plan has been paid and the check cashed. The Metcalfe's Community Contribution for the Neighbor is expected to be between \$750-1000. \$50 will be added to the budget for pedestrian flags at Eau Claire and Regent. **M. Lawton made a motion, seconded by Schweitzer to approve the budget. Motion passed by voice vote.**

10. **ARC and Planning Committee:** Mike Lawton

The Architectural Review Committee needs to fill the vacancy left by the death of Tom Favour. Joe Keyes has agreed to fill the position. **M. Lawton moved, Schweitzer seconded motion to approve Joe Keyes for the position on the ARC. Motion approved by voice vote.** Brian Ohm is the Acting Chair.

**The Planning Committee** needs two new members. Peter Hughes as Association President and Jacki Lawton are nominated to fill the two positions. **M. Lawton moved, Schweitzer seconded motion to approve. Motion approved by voice vote.**

Mike Lawton reported still no information from Smith Gilbane about the private development of the Sheboygan Avenue site.

11. **Parks:** Report by Ron Harris at end of Minutes
12. **Membership:** Marilyn Howell reports the Directories for 2017-18 are available. Sprint Print did a good job on layout of ads and Cover Page. There are 5 advertisers. Each Area Leader has an extra 3 Directories for new residents.
13. **Publication dates for the Newsletter** need to be revised to better fit with Membership Drive and Santa visits. The Autumn Newsletter will have articles due August 15 with publication about August 25. The Winter Newsletter will have articles due by November 5 with publication about November 24.
14. **Safety:** Joe Keyes reported there are minor new issues to report at this time. The Madison Police Departments has assigned a new Neighborhood Liaison Officer for HF, William Needleman.
15. **Technology:** Brendon Dybdahl reports about 56 residents used PayPal to pay their dues. Work continues on the email list merge of MailChimp/Database with Ben Hansen.
16. **Social:** There was a big increase in **Santa Visit** participants. Four families joined the Neighborhood to participate in the event.

The **Earth Day** will be event on Sunday April 23 from 3:00-5:00 at Rennebohm Park, with Nick Schweitzer still the lead. **M. Lawton moved, Keyes seconded motion to spend \$50 on Shelter Reservation. Motion approved by voice vote.**

The **Spring Social** will be an Alder Forum for the two Alder Candidates, probably April 22 or 23 at 7:00 at Covenant. Peter and Jacki will work on organization of the Forum. District 11 will be invited to the best of our ability.

17. **Newsletter:** Articles are due to Mary Whitcomb by February 15 to be published ~March 1. Peter will write a thank you to Tim Gruber for taking on the Alder position for the interim term and a letter to the City Council with the same thanks.

**Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn by Hempe, second by Thompson to adjourn at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacki Lawton, Secretary  
February 11, 2017

**Park Issues from November meeting (comments submitted by Ron Harris)**

1. Parking complaints from residents along South Hill Drive. I have been in contact with the Westside Lacrosse Club, and hope to speak to a member of their board before the Garner fields open, on or about April 15. I also spoke with the Parks Divisions' game fields scheduler, who will also convey neighborhood concerns. In my communication with both groups, I emphasized that we appreciate the lacrosse fields and that we want lacrosse to stay at Garner Park. The lacrosse fields bring activity to a part of the park that has been underused for many years. At the same time, if lacrosse users do not obey parking regulations (no parking within 3 feet of driveway apron or in front of mailboxes), parking enforcement will issue citations.
2. Game fields in parks.
  - a. Rennebohm has two identified game fields, soccer fields 1 and 2, on opposite sides of the paved path. They were "resting" last year, which is why we saw little activity.
  - b. Garner has three game fields: two lacrosse fields along South Hill Drive, and a youth soccer field near the Mineral Point road parking lot.
  - c. Sometimes the Rennebohm tennis courts are reserved (for West High tennis team in spring, for MSCR programs in summer), but one court always is available for open play. I didn't know this fact.
  - d. Each autumn, parks officials evaluate game fields to determine whether they are open for play in the following year. "Open for play" applies only to organized teams and leagues. Residents are free to play informally on "closed" game fields.
3. Pickle ball at Garner. Pickle ball at Garner has been a rousing success. Parks wants to identify additional locations for pickle ball courts. Probably any new pickle ball would be via retrofitting existing tennis courts. One problem: pickle ball players are walking off path between parking lot and courts, causing erosion. If behavior persists, parks will install landscaping to discourage cut through traffic.
4. Ash tree removal. The trees are still in place. Although removal hasn't been scheduled, three of the trees near the playground have been "adopted," so will be left in place for at least two or three years.

**New business**

1. 2018 – 2022 Park & Open Space Plan. City is gearing up to revise the Park and Open Space Plan. Two ways to participate right now:
  - a. Take the Community Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZ9SGCL>
  - b. Attend a Community Visioning Session. Upcoming sessions  
Community Visioning Session #3

Monday, February 13, 2017  
5:30 - 8:00 PM  
The Village on Park  
Atrium Community Room  
2300 S. Park St.