

# Hellgate Meadows Residential Neighborhood Association

2625 Dublin Street ♦ Missoula, MT 59808

Board Meeting

June 15, 2021

6:40 pm, via ZOOM



Board Members Present (via ZOOM): Debbie Goertzen, Drew Rieker, Laurie Fliger, Kathie Snodgrass, and Roberta Smith. Carol McKenzie, Hannah Sackett, and Jim Polk were unable to attend.

The meeting minutes for May were unavailable due to the secretary's confusion over this month's meeting date.

## Financials:

As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, the balance sheet showed \$21,826.63. There was \$20,619.27 in the bank. The variance report showed \$10,981.26 under budget. Accounts receivable were \$2,325.13.

May bills paid included Dirtman: \$1,850, JDM Enterprises: \$149.35 (for April office services), and NorthWestern Energy: \$71.30.

## Old Business:

**Electronic Bill Pay:** The online feature of our bank account went dormant, so Roberta reactivated it. Jane has access and is setting up bill pay. Drew and Kathie need to go to the bank and set up Drew's profile, reactivate Kathie's, and sign a new agreement. They will go together, get the agreement and bring it to Roberta to sign, and then Roberta will mail it back to them.

**Mutt Mitt Station Servicing:** Aiden delivered the dog waste servicing bill and MuttMitt contract to Roberta, and said that we need another order of bags because they're running low. There was a misplaced check to Dog Waste Depot from the previous (March) order, which had to be straightened out before they would accept a new order. Roberta used her credit card to pay for the previous order and new order. She will be reimbursed in June.

Debbie gave the bill for the new pick-up-your-dog-waste signs to Jane yesterday. She hasn't put the new signs up yet.

It might be possible to allow neighbors to use the same Pay Pal account we have set up for paying dues to contribute to the cost of MuttMitt station maintenance. We could put the information on signs and put the signs on the MuttMitt receptacle posts. Laurie volunteered to ask the Boards of the Condos and Apartments in the area, whose residents use the Dublin Street and Connery Way common areas to walk their dogs, to contribute to this cost also.

**Dues:** Drew drafted a note and sent it out via email for Board review. A couple of minor changes were suggested. Drew will get the corrected note to Jane to send with the 2<sup>nd</sup> half dues billing.

**Little Free Library:** Laurie is in the process of painting it.

**Mail House Painting:** We are waiting to hear back from the contractors. If Kathie doesn't hear by the end of the week, she'll call and remind them.

**Website:** We need to get the administrative codes from Hannah. Kathie will put the changes Hannah didn't get to on a file transfer site, so Drew can take a look. Kathie moved and Debbie seconded that we have Cedar Mountain do the major needed changes, then evaluate the cost

and time charged before deciding whether to have them do the other changes. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Landscaping:** Deb reported that Dirtman's office person said the \$1,965 bill was for some work "late last year". Drew will find out from Dirtman what the work was and where it was performed. We suspect at least part of it may have been repair of a severed irrigation line caused by a contractor working on a homeowner's broken water line. If that is the case, we may need to seek reimbursement from the homeowner. In the meantime, we need to pay Dirtman, because they did do the work. Drew moved and Debbie seconded that we pay that bill right away. The motion passed unanimously.

Deb has worked with Dan at Dirtman on our ongoing issues. They toured the neighborhood as Dev pointed out the trees affected by aphids. Dirtman says their subcontractor didn't think he missed any trees, and that fall treatment is better. Since every time we have talked to Dirtman about ineffective aphid treatment, they have given us a different explanation of why they missed a treatment and when is the best time to treat, Deb asked Dan to clarify with the subcontractor and made sure he understood that this is a dealbreaker if we can't get an acceptable answer and effective treatment. If we do not get a good answer, we will look at other options.

### **New Business:**

**Columbia Ground Squirrels:** A homeowner whose house is adjacent to the hay field west of Hellgate Meadows is experiencing a severe ground squirrel infection of her property that started when construction began on Hellgate Village. Other residents, including a Board member a couple blocks from the field, are also having problems with the rodents. Deb received a text from a resident who is using a rodent control firm. Laurie will investigate this issue and report back.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next regular Board Meeting will also be via ZOOM, on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

*Kathie Snodgrass*

Secretary