

OBA Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 6:30pm Whetstone Library Meeting Room

Minutes

I. Call To Order & Opening

A. Gail Mahaffey

II. Presentation of Old Beechwold Assn Leaf & Snow Removal Game Plan

B. Jack Jackson on behalf of the committee:

Jeff Krause

Jack Jackson

Joe Williams

Gail Mahaffey

III. Question & Answer Notes

- Current service provider can't or won't get liability insurance.
- Joe Williams contacted all 16 providers suggested for consideration. Seven considered the work; three sent proposals.
- Of the neighborhood's 135 households, 110 households participate regularly. Expenses were determined using 110 households.
- TNT bid is much lower. Jeff Krause stated that the TNT bid was also the most comprehensive. All those who bid included one snow removal. They will do more if there are other 'snow events.'
- The question was asked if the committee conducted reference checks. Answer: TNT has the highest BBB rating. Facebook and Angie's List reviews are all high (about 50 reviews each). The other bidder (Yard solutions) also had very high reviews.
- The question was asked if TNT equipment is in good shape. Answer: We did not see their equipment; however, TNT has a mulching leaf vacuum which is more efficient than other less sophisticated equipment.
- All bidders recommended picking up leaves 3 times during the seasons. It is also recommended that all neighbors should put leaves at the curb, or the edge of their lawns.
- To protect the nature reserve, homeowners on the ravine are asked to not blow leaves to the edge of the ravine. Instead, going forward, please put leaves at the edge of your property.
- The OBA Executive Committee has agreed with the Ad Hoc Committee to hire TNT for leaf and snow removal.
- Tentative dates for leaf pick up are early November, late November, and mid- December. The Executive Committee will communicate all dates to Old Beechwold neighbors this fall.
- With the selection of TNT, OBA dues will remain the same as previous years, or \$75 per household per year.
- Treasurer Laura Philip requests that to expedite the dues process, members may bring dues to the regular OBA meeting on the July 27.

IV. Adjourn