

Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Beechwold Association Meeting
October 22, 2018
Whetstone Library Meeting Room

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President John Alexander. Nineteen residents were represented (including officers).

MINUTES for the July 23, 2018 meeting

- Approved

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

Update on Old Beechwold Association officers. John Alexander reported Steve Eastlake resigned as Vice President of the Association and the Executive Committee voted Greg Meyers as Vice President for the remainder of the term. No further action was needed.

Treasurer's report (Laura Philip)

- The Association had an ending balance of \$19,555.67 as of October 22, 2018. (See the attached report).
- Ninety-two homeowners have paid dues. Laura requested all dues be paid by October 31, 2018 to participate in leaf pick-up.
- Leaf pick-up will take place the week of November 19-23. Only one resident requested early pick-up in late October so that option will not be offered this year. As in the past, all leaves should be raked to the street. They do not need to be bagged for this service.

Arbor Committee report (Lindalee Brownstein) – see attached report for more details.

- Lindalee again thanked all who have been working hard to clean up invasive plants, water, mulch, fertilize and prune bushes in the neighborhood.
- A replacement marker for Jastram Grove was recommended. The signage would be made of stone making it less likely to be vandalized or weather. There was support from residents to proceed.
- Lindalee introduced Nick Hinkle, Eagle Scout, who gave a presentation on the benefit of bat houses for the neighborhood. As part of his Eagle Scout project he created and is donating 12 boxes to the Old Beechwold neighborhood. Upon research it was determined the bat houses could not be hung on trees that are on city property. Tom Gabalski moved and Laura Philip seconded a motion to support the installation of the 12 bat houses at private homes in Old Beechwold for the benefit of the entire neighborhood. The motion passed. Anyone interested in a bat house should contact Lindalee and they will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

Social Committee (Stacia Clifton)

- The Fall neighborhood event was a huge success with great participation. Thank you to the Dickinson's for hosting.
- Additional ideas for neighborhood activities are being considered.

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REPORT of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Greg Myers reported the following historic district actions since the last meeting: 4914 Olentangy: repair windows and paint; 177 Rustic Place and 170 West Jeffrey: replace garage doors; 71 West Jeffrey and 52 West Royal Forest: replace windows; 73 West Royal Forest: install generator; 4771 North High: addition to the home (pending); 87 West Jeffrey: new screened porch.
- John Alexander provided an update on Blueprint Columbus. The meeting the city will convene to enlist input on the plan is now targeted for November. John is also forming a committee of neighbors who would like to be involved. Anyone interested should contact John.
- Dianne Radigan provided an update on progress with revisions to the Old Beechwold website. The goal is to make the site even more valuable to neighbors and the broader community. Thank you to the committee who has provided advice: Lindalee Brownstein, Stacia Clifton, Vince Day, Missy Ellis, Jack Jackson with Kinsey Kraus providing technical support. The committee recommends changing the platform from WIX to SquareSpace and simplifying the design and text on the site. The committee also recommends a private page that could be used by residents for a directory as well as other information. It was suggested the site also include a link to current home sales and a census of the neighborhood. A link to the draft site will be sent to all later this fall. The site should be updated by the end of the year.

OLD BUSINESS – no additional old business

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee (Stacia Clifton):

The committee nominated the following as officers in 2019

President: Greg Myers
Vice President Cindy Lazarus
Treasurer Laura Philip
Secretary Dianne Radigan

President Alexander asked if there were any additional nominations. There were no nominations from the floor. Ballots with this slate will be sent via email and US Mail on Dec. 1, 2018 and must be returned by Dec. 31, 2018.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Standing Communications to be reflected in the minutes:

- Please provide your current email address to the OBA Secretary Dianne Radigan Dianne.Radigan@gmail.com so the OBA can communicate easily with you.
- The “Old-Beechwold-Assn. Google Group” is a neighborhood posting site to keep participating neighbors connected. It is to be used for the betterment of the neighborhood. **Please note your name and address in all postings if not apparent from your email address.** Go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/old-beechwold-assn> to join.
- To send an email to the neighborhood email list, address it to old-beechwold-assn@googlegroups.com. If you are not on this list, contact Dianne Radigan

The Old Beechwold website is www.oldbeechwold.org .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting is Monday, January 28, 2019 at Whetstone Library at 7:00pm.