

RBA General Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2024

7:00 pm @ South Park

Scott Obrec, President
Saifee Oraha, Vice President – (Absent)
Melissa Bullion, Treasurer
Greg Strzempek, Secretary

Levi Fishman - (Absent)
Carlo Ginotti
Yvonne Johnson
Tony Sorge – (Absent)
Josh VanDruska

1. Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He welcomed everyone in attendance at the meeting which was followed by a motion and approval of the Minutes from the September 8, 2024 Special Membership and Annual Meeting Minutes.

2. Treasurer's Report – Melissa

The annual dues for this coming year will **remain the same amount as last year at \$175.00**. The invoices are being sent out 9/17 and should be payable within the following 30 days. We took in \$18,457 this year and have approximately \$1,700 left in the budget with an outstanding invoice of approximately \$1,800 for tree services.

Our forecasted budget for next year is \$18,225 with the majority of the funds being spent on our Parks maintenance. Over the past few years, we have had to address a lot of tree management (cutting/trimming) but are hoping for a lull this coming year. The grass cutting, however, needs to always be attended to each year and we are currently soliciting bids for grass cutting for next year and giving our volunteers (thanks Tony!) a well-deserved break. Also, if anyone knows of interested parties for Park grass-cutting please direct quotes to Tony.

Lastly, as a reminder we do have a Reserve fund in place which is earmarked for Insurance deductible (~\$2,200), legal needs (~\$2,500) and unexpected Parks maintenance services (~\$5,000).

3. President's Report – Scott

Scott reminded everyone about the Sign in sheet, RBA website, FB page, and our current directors contact list. Scott then welcomed the new Board and our **new board members Josh VanDruska and Yvonne Johnson**. He then informed the group about the process that was used to choose the 4 Directors that were to be selected to begin the initial 2-year term by the highest vote getters. Also announced were 2 new committees that are being proposed – a Welcome committee headed by Yvonne and Traffic Signal committee headed by Saifee.

Yvonne then addressed the members and explained that she wanted to help keep residents informed of the current happenings within our neighborhood and RBA. This may, for example involve other communication forms such as Zoom access for our General membership meetings. This may help those that aren't able to physically attend due to health problems to have another option. Yvonne also took the opportunity to welcome 2 new residents, **Sam and Cavanagh**, who have just recently moved in on the canal.

More to follow on the new Traffic Signal Committee which Saifee will take the lead to see understand the process in making a request with **the** city/county to implement a Lefthand Green Turn Arrow at the intersection of Union and Cooley Lake road in front of the Dairy Queen.

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4. Committee Reports

Nomination & Election – Greg

Greg welcomed the new Board and reiterated that both Article modifications were approved.

Traffic Light Safety – No update in Saifee's absence

Resident & Insurance Agent – No update in Levi's absence

Social & Fundraising – Josh

Josh stated that 2 events are upcoming. **Sunday October 6th** (Lions have a bye) will be a **Smoked Rib Cookoff and Potluck**. More details to come but would like to have a Corn hole tournament and possibly a PIG basketball challenge as well (pig...ribs ..get it 😊). Currently planning to have it at the Tennis court park but could move it depending on attendance, The plan is to expand to all residents of Cooley Lake as well as Long Lake and not just the RBA members. More details to follow.

Trunk or Treat is locked and loaded for October 19th from 6-8pm. Those helping to setup should arrive around 4:30pm.

Communications/Welcome - Yvonne

See above comments under President's Report.

Parks – No update in Tony's absence

Bylaws – Scott

Scott mentioned that the committee will be putting together a Scope of Work for the purpose of engaging legal services to update or modernize our By-laws.

Open Discussion

A question was asked what we could do to help get a sidewalk paved from Glade to Union Lake towards the Dairy Queen on the South side of Cooley Lake road. It was suggested that once the Train Station building is sold, the new owners will be required to install a sidewalk to meet city code.

A motion was made and seconded for adjournment at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Strzempek, Secretary, RBA