

Northern Heights Community Association
2020 Annual Meeting
January 23rd, 2020
Minutes submitted by Sarah Messmer

1. Call to Order

Bryan Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., which was held at Northern Heights Elementary School. Other board members present were Marty Sauvage, Mike Yeend, and Sarah Messmer.

2. Quorum Confirmation

Marty Sauvage and Sarah Messmer confirmed that 53 homeowners were represented at the meeting. This total included proxies.

3. Update on City of Bellingham Annexation – Bill Geyer

- The proposal to annex the Urban Growth Area containing Northern Heights will be presented to the City of Bellingham within the next 60 days
- Bill is working for clients that own property on Britton Rd and want to develop the property
- Bill is planning to host an informational meeting about annexation the week of February 10th
- If annexed, Northern Heights would be in the City of Bellingham's Second Ward

4. Treasurer's Report - Marty Sauvage

- Checking Account balance as of 12/31/19: \$2,447.40
- Storm Water Account balance as of 12/31/19: \$12,712.39
 - o Transferred in \$4,702.50 at beginning of year and then paid \$10,000 for tree removal in the retention pond
- Reserve Account balance as of 12/31/19: \$14,997.30
 - o Transferred in \$4,702.50 at beginning of year

5. Successes this Year

- Cleaned out the ditch on the north end of Roma Rd and added it to a routine maintenance schedule
- Cut down a quarter of the trees in the retention pond with plans to continue cutting down the remaining trees over the next few years
- Cut down some branches that had broken off in the little kids park
- Had a new drainage system installed under the tail at the end of Olivia Court to stop the trail from flooding
- Drafted an easement for the trail that enters at Olivia Court, previously the owners of the houses on either side owned the trail
- Had a successful garage sale

6. Upcoming Projects

- Clean out the drainage ditch between Tamarack and Timothy on the north end of Roma Rd. There is currently a very big tree growing there.
- Continue to remove trees in the retention pond in order to reduce the debris that falls into the pond every year
- The play equipment in the community park is degrading and will need to be replaced in the near future.

6. 2019 Budget Presentation

- There are a few changes to the 2020 proposed budget from the 2019 budget
 - The budget for Insurance was increased to \$2,600 from \$2,500
 - The budget for Landscaping was increased to \$14,250 from \$12,250
 - The budget for Special Projects was increased to \$5,000 from \$1,000
 - The budget for Street Lights were decreased to \$1,080 from \$1,475
- Dues will be increased to \$210 per household this year
- Budget was approved at 7:45 p.m.

7. Election of New Board Members

- Bryan Jones and Sarah Messmer have agreed to serve for a second term, the quorum voted to let them serve again
- Marty Sauvage will continue on in his second year of his two-year term.
- Mike DiSpigno volunteered to serve and the community voted him into office

8. Raffle for 2019 Dues

- Jodi Johnson won the raffle for not having to pay 2020 dues.

9. Any other Business

- There have been several instances in the past few months of high school students racing their cars through the community, Bryan or Sarah to follow up and call the police about this activity

End of Meeting

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, and seconded. The meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.
- The next board meeting will be held on February 6th, 2020.