

Village Green Committee
Monday, January 14, 2019, 4:30PM at the Town Hall Annex
Special Meeting

Minutes

Attending: Connie Kieley, Gail Cromwell, Honey Hastings, Carol Mamczak, Robin Downes, Denise Collette Absent: Felicia Sartell, Peggy Cournoyer, Kathy Fedorka

1. In Felicia's absence, Connie called the meeting to order at 4:38.
2. Connie reported that the trust fund balance is \$4,065.53, approximately \$3.00 less than shown by the trustees. She will work to resolve that difference. She provided a report to each member that itemized expenditures for the Holiday Lighting Committee (HLC) as well as the church and recreation commission donations to the HLC that are handled through the VGC. She mentioned that there will be some additional expenses for storage containers when the lights come down. It was suggested that the HLC could use extra space in the VGC unit.
3. Connie presented the Permanent Wiring Proposal as defined by the HLC, both written descriptions of the work to be done and a rough map of locations for the runs and boxes. She reported that Tim Fiske feels there will be minimal impact to the trees with the cross common route for conduits rather than perimeter conduits. She also spoke with Dan Masterson, tree specialist, and he felt that the trees will be somewhat impacted but will recover. She added that since this proposal was printed, additions were requested and/or discussed including the addition of 220 wiring and possibly more runs. Gail mentioned that the end boxes will be attached to either 2X4 or 4X4 mounts near the granite posts instead of to 1X4 boards as stated in the proposal.

The committee members reviewed the proposal and map and discussed the following:

Who pays for the electricity that is used? Will vendors who use the electricity be charged more?

What are the pros for installing 220 wiring?

Is it wise to add 220 wiring even if it is not needed yet to avoid cost and disruption in the future if it is needed then?

Are we overdoing it? What activities are we encouraging? Is this what the town wants?

Should we have fewer runs resulting in less stress on the trees?

Will the outlets be unsightly? Where exactly will they be installed?

Is the proposed "volunteer labor" a certified electrician?

Committee members agreed that the drawing is not clear and the numbers do not match the text of the proposal. We would like to see this clarified. Connie will invite Rob Wills to the next meeting to answer our questions.

MOTION: That the VGC approves the basic concept of installing code compliant permanent wiring for safe lighting and electrical use, but requests more details before endorsing a specific proposal.

Moved by Gail. Seconded by Connie. Vote: All in favor.

Carol will send this motion and vote to the Select Board Assistant before tomorrow's meeting.
(action item)

Connie reviewed potential meeting dates with us and will invite Rob Wills to the next meeting.
(action item)

Connie moved to adjourn, seconded by Denise. All in favor.

The meeting concluded at 5:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mamczak, VGC Secretary