GUILFORD ASSOCIATION BOARD –JANUARY 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM, Westcott Room, Second Presbyterian Church

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Margaret Alton, Joshua Angulo-Bartlett, Cathy Boyne, Carl Coscia, Howard Friedel, Anthony Gill, Clarke Griffin, Jeremy Hoffman, Tom Hobbs, Chris Lyon and Lynda Riley.

Laurie Fick, Office Manager, was present.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Bishop, Jarrod Bolte, Francesco Castellano, Tim Chriss, Elizabeth Comer, Angela Hamilton and Francie Spahn.

PRESIDING: Tom Hobbs, Guilford Association President

Chris Lyon was welcomed to the Board and will be Security Committee co-chair.

The minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting were approved.

Officers were elected:

President: Tom Hobbs

Vice President: Margaret Alton

Treasurer: Clarke Griffin

Secretary: Lynda Riley

**Parks**: Margaret Alton

Beechfield Landscaping has won a new three year contract to maintain Guilford’s parks and common property except for Sherwood Gardens and York Courts.

Bob Jackson Landscape has won the three year contract for Sherwood Gardens. There is no contract for York Courts which utilizes HMD on an as needed basis.

Many new street trees have been planted by the City throughout Guilford. A large area on the southwest corner of the Little Park has been reintegrated and landscaped.

Plans for 2017 include tree pruning in all parks and some new trees in Sunken Park and Bedford Square to adhere to the Olmsted original plan. We will continue to ask the City for street trees.

We hope to have the signs advising the Parks are private in place by Spring.

**Traffic**: Carl Coscia

Letters have been sent to the mayor and Frank Murphy of the Department of Transportation requesting a traffic study for speeding traffic on 39th Street We are also working on getting pedestrian lights along the St. Paul Street side of Gateway Park

.**Architectural Committee**: Tom Hobbs

A second new house to be built on St. Paul Street (next to the house currently under construction) has been approved and construction is expected to begin soon.

There have been eight foreclosures on Greenmount in the last two years. Four of these houses have been purchased by investors and have recorded covenant violations.

8 York Court was bought by an investor and has a number of covenant violations. The Guilford Association is suing the owner; however he has not been located to be served papers.

**Reservoir**: Cathy Boyne

Construction on the reservoir stopped December 23 and began again in early January. The ground is frozen so the dust is settled.

On January 25 there will be a meeting with the Guilford Association, Loyola and a representative from the Construction Company to discuss contract violations and remedies as well as future activity.

Four houses do not have access to their garages on Reservoir Lane. Drainage continues to be a problem for many of the Northway houses because the topography was changed.

**Newsletter:** Tom Hobbs and Jeremy Hoffman

A Loyola student is writing articles for the Guilford newsletter.. Tom Hobbs is the student’s advisor for this project. The next newsletter will go out in February. There is a real need for articles and writers.

Margaret suggested the Guilford Association would benefit from having a Communications Committee to oversee the Website, Newsletter and a Facebook page..

**Events:** Tom Hobbs and Lynda Riley

The Spring Egg Hunt will be scheduled in April. The Tulip Dig is May 27

Dinner at Dusk will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 5-8 PM. Ken Kolodner, his son and another musician will perform

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9

Respectfully submitted: Lynda Riley, Secretary.