

MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 2010

The regular meeting of the Village of Golf Manor was called to order by Mayor Alan Zaffiro; Clerk-Treasurer Greg Doering recorded the minutes. After the Pledge-of-Allegiance, the roll was taken with all members present.

Mayor Zaffiro swore in James Gilbert as our new part time Police Officer.

Mr. Gilbert made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting as corrected, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Brenda Byes of 6338 Elbrook Avenue addressed council reference the community garden. She suggested the community garden would be better at the pool area of Volunteer Park:

- a) More visible
- b) Higher / better fenced off from wildlife.

Ruby Lewis Bean of 6319 Englewood addressed council reference community garden. She is O.K. with the Pocket Park but would prefer the community garden at Volunteer Park:

- a) View and be viewed.
- b) Location
- c) Visibility
- d) Security
- e) Water source

Please vote yes for the pool area.

Ed Raick of 6067 Yosemite Avenue addressed Council reference community garden. He added that the visibility of the garden at the pool area of Volunteer Park might spark the interest of the teenaged residents of Golf Manor to become involved in gardening (avoid getting in trouble) and suggested that the pool area provides much needed storage space for tools, supplies, etc.

Jill Northway of 6230 Stover Avenue addressed Council reference community garden. She is new to Golf Manor and feels the pool area is the best choice based on:

- a) Central location
- b) Already fenced
- c) Water source
- d) Visibility

Derek Snow of 6230 Stover Avenue addressed council reference community garden. He agreed with what has been said in favor of the community garden being at Volunteer Park and added that the Pocket Park appears to be more of a meditative garden – not highly visible. The pool area of Volunteer Park provides more interest to the youth and a more secure area and promotes civic pride. The diversity of the area encourages participation in this project.

Mayor Zaffiro replied to all that the idea of the community garden is growing on him. The Volunteer Park may indeed be a better area choice. Potential areas in Golf Manor include:

- a) Vacant lots (as Cincinnati does)

- b) Volunteer park
- c) Additional spaces / areas

Vice Mayor Faulk added that we must use the Pocket park for the beginning of our community garden project or risk losing \$8,000.00 in grant money. We are open to expanding to other areas.

Mayor Zaffiro reported on the Price Hill community garden and distributed an informational packet to council members.

Councilman Doering questioned the Mayor if he could research with Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission who else performs property maintenance code enforcement within Hamilton County. Mayor replied that he would do that, he has a contact, Andy Dobson at Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission and would have that information for the Executive Committee, as it is on their committee agenda and will meet at 6:30 PM on May 10, 2010.

VICE MAYOR: Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Re: Farmers Market. Would like information to be put on cable, has fliers to distribute at Concerned Citizens and if possible on Golf Manor message board. Remember, this starts Friday, May 7, 2010 from 4 to 7 PM.
2. Spoke with Leslie McIntosh of Amberley Village reference Arbor Day Green Up Day to be held Sunday, May 2, 2010, 12 – 4 PM. Paper shredding and tire recycling will be available to all. Flier available upon request, and will prepare announcement to be put on our cable T.V. message.
3. Sadly, Len Dauer, former Director of Knothole baseball in Golf Manor, longtime resident, and former member of the Recreation Commission recently passed away. She would like to put his memorial article in the next issue of the newsletter.
4. Has received compliments form Chris Schroeder, local day care center operator, on Golf Manor Park. How marvelous and clean the park is. Compliments to the Service Director and the Golf Manor Service Department.

Mr. Gilbert questioned that since the newsletter did not go out on time, could changes be made including dates for the dumpster and village yard sale. Please research dates and submit to Mrs. Faulk and Mayor Zaffiro.

SERVICE DIRECTOR: Mr. Creager was absent due to a family illness and submitted a written report:

1. The Village was awarded the Phase 1 Hamilton County's EECEBG Formula Grant – Energy Performance Program, along with fourteen other communities.
2. 2704 Losantiville Avenue – Asbestos bids are ready to go out on the property, finishing up on writing the construction specs.
3. Surplus equipment is to be bid out on E-bay this week, had problems getting it on the Hamilton County auction site.
4. Bremont Avenue to be finished soon.

Councilman Doering:

1. Commended Mr. Creager on working with the Bremont Avenue construction companies to maintain traffic.
2. Breaker for the cable T.V. message board continues to be switched off and this problem really needs to be addressed. Chief Taylor, Mayor and Service Director will work on this problem together.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Taylor reported:

1. Officer Fox caught a suspect for credit card fraud, who in turn wrote a complimentary letter from jail to Chief Taylor about Officer Fox.
2. New uniforms are in and are in use (all slate grey) by May 1, 2010.
3. James Gilbert is a new part time officer. Field work will begin on May 1, 2010.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Ballman was absent from this meeting due to illness.

SOLICITOR:

RESOLUTION 2010-11: Nuisance at 2667 Vera.

RESOLUTION 2010-12: Nuisance at 2671 Vera.

RESOLUTION 2010-13: Nuisance at 2675 Vera.

Motion to read all by title made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

Motion to pass all made by Mrs. Faulk, seconded by Mr. Gilbert, all members approved.

Councilman Doering asked if NIC had cited any of these properties. No, per Mr. Butler, not to his knowledge. He feels this is the best method to take out of town owners who won't show up, nor pay court fines or court costs.

Mayor Zaffiro added:

1. NSP funds could become available for demolition of the properties.
2. Insurance Bond for unsalvageable property could be used for demo.
3. We can/are looking into additional legislation to solve these problems.

FINANCE: Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$141,116.34, seconded by Mr. Doering, all members approved.

Mrs. Dubose reported that the Finance Committee met April 26, 2010 and requested department heads to submit 2011 annual budgets for the May 24, 2010 meeting which will start at 6:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Mrs. Faulk reported:

1. Property in really bad shape bordering Golf Manor located in the City of Cincinnati. Mayor has contacted Mayor Mallory's office with no results. She will contact them again, along with all City of Cincinnati members of Council about this situation. Clerk Treasurer Doering requested her to add Cincinnati Public School property (Losantiville School) to the list, as it is in bad shape.

2. Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 PM on May 10, 2010 with rules of council on the agenda.
3. She is having surgery on May 3, 2010. Keep her in your prayers.
4. Re: Idling Policy – idea has been turned into the Mayor, he will meet with department heads, investigate and research, make decision and report back.

OLD BUSINESS: No report.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Faulk requested any articles for Newsletter be submitted to her via E-mail.

Motion to adjourn made by Mrs. Dubose, seconded by Mrs. Faulk, all members approved.

MAYOR, ALAN ZAFFIRO

CLERK-TREAS., GREG DOERING