

# **Pinecrest Neighborhood Association – PNA – Minutes – April 19,2021 Annual Meeting – 7:00 PM**

Introduction of neighbors

Officers present: Abbie Tykocki, President, Todd Swales, VP, Maureen McCabe-Power, Secretary, Steve Ueberroth, Treasurer, MAL/Member(s) at large – Nichole Biber, Kevin Brown, Veronica Wilkerson Johnson.

Guests: Sgt. Travis Bove – ELPD, Kristin Shelley, Director ELPL, EL City liaison, Barbara Holstein, Youth Services Committee (?)

**Approval of agenda:** Todd Swales moved, Steve Ueberroth seconded, Lynn Richardson requested the addition of flag issue discussion over on Coolidge/Fair Oaks, motion to approve agenda with addition passed.

**Approval of minutes** from March 2021: Todd Swales moved, Allie Siarto seconded, no edits, motion/minutes passed.

## **Election of Officers**

At 7:17 PM President Abbie Tykocki turned the meeting over to VP Todd Swales to conduct the election of officers. Allie Siarto, chair of Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers including term of office - not all positions up for election this 2021 year. Due to COVID elections were not held in 2020 thus re-adjusting staggered terms of office.

President - Abbie Tykocki - 2023  
Secretary - Brittany Pazdan - 2023  
Treasurer - Diane Goddeeris - 2022  
MAL: Nichole Biber - 2023  
Jonathan Niesen - 2023  
Lynn Richardson - 2022

Per current bylaws Todd opened the floor for nominations either by self or someone else. Hearing no nominations the floor was closed. Maureen McCabe-Power moved the slate of officers as presented. Veronica Wilkerson Johnson seconded the motion. By a showing of hands the motion passed. Todd then turned the meeting back to Abbie Tykocki to complete the agenda.

## **Guest Speakers**

Sgt. Travis Bove gave his report for the Pinecrest neighborhood. Crime mapping shows Pinecrest in good shape - safe and sound. Car stolen over in Chartwell was found and returned to owner. Please keep cars parked outside locked/no keys/garage door down!

Lynn Richardson then expressed her concerns and discomfort over the flags hanging on the backyard garage over on Fair Oaks (house faces 1548 Coolidge). Residents supporting overthrow of government? part of kidnapping of governor? - all very troubling. Earlier flags contained profanity and certainly total disrespect for not only the President of the US, but also neighbors. Sgt. Bove indicated the city attorney has been made aware and answer is freedom of speech so the police "hands" are tied. Not an end result however. The house is a rental, has the owner given permission for these flags to hang? Monica Fink expressed thanks to neighbors for caring about this issue and continuing to make it a conversation.

Kristin Shelley, Director of the East Lansing Public Library indicated that the library is open for limited hours. The Library on the Go van will begin to visit area parks June 7. The plan is for a different park every Monday. Hopefully the van will be present at some of the summer Farmer's markets. She also announced a lot of construction disruption at the library throughout the summer and early fall. Repairs include: roof, HVAC, Electrical, sidewalks and circle drive re-surfaced and curb widened in drive through by book drop. She informed residents that dog waste yard signs are available for sale at the Hannah Community Center if anyone is interested.

### **Officers Reports**

**President:** Pinecrest Post was printed by the city using mini grants - turn around was 48 hours, very much appreciated. Worn out tree plaques in Henry Fine Park need replacing. A list will be compiled and hopefully Mike Vasievich will help get this accomplished. Road work on Blanchette Drive from Harrison to Bramble is scheduled for sometime this summer.

DPW director Scott House has been called to military duty and will step away from his post for one (1) year. Nichole McPherson will assume his responsibilities for the year. Nicole Biber asks about flowers instead of grass when BWL work was completed on lawns and announces that on Earth Day April 22 - Seeds for Bees will be distributed on Ramblewood in the afternoon, sometime after school is dismissed

**Vice President:** Todd Swales volunteers to mow the island at the Crown entrance to neighborhood. Neighbor Judy living at 1991 Pinecrest has taken care of planting and maintaining flowers on the island for years. It is time for someone to step up and help.

Todd also talked about the Pinecrest (school) Parent Council and indicated the important work they do to raise money for teachers and field trips. Several on the Council will be leaving this year as their children move from elementary to middle school. New members are therefore needed so please consider joining in the important work.

**Treasurer:** Outgoing treasurer, Steve Ueberroth indicates he had 5 children go through Pinecrest and how important it is for parents to be involved. President Abbie Tykocki thanks Steve for his many years of service to the PNA board. Steve reports that the PNA account now has \$4,583 and change. He also reports the \$600 for 501c3 application that has been newly submitted after

being allowed to lapse years ago. Steve also alerts new treasurer Diane Goddeeris and Abbie that banking records will have to be adjusted to reflect a new treasurer.

Abbie Tykocki also thanks outgoing MAL Kevin Brown for his service and Maureen McCabe-Power for stepping into the secretary role.

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### **Reports of Special Committees**

Brittany Pazdan reports that the Don Power - Power Stations are in the works. The supplies are being purchased, volunteers will build and neighborhood distribution is being sought. A huge thanks to Barbara Holstein and the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing for donating the memorial bench in Don's name. The cement pad has been poured. Thank you to all the volunteers, including; Nick Archer, Arthur Korroch, Jerry Litzinger, Doug Nordhaus, Phil Nowak, Maureen McCade-Power, Joe Reynolds, Mike Vasevich, and Ralph Monsma who "watched" cement dry for 4 hours and now it will cure for one month. The bench and plaque are being arranged and will be installed sometime later in the spring or summer.

A thank you note will be sent to the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing expressing gratitude for "incredible generosity as well as time and dedication to our neighborhood and playground at Pinecrest Elementary. The ongoing project of the installation of a bench in memorialization of Don Power at the playground is a welcomed asset to our neighborhood and to all of the families that use the playground".

Nichole Biber and Allie Siarto report that the community garden initiative is moving along. The Gilcrest location is being abandoned in favor of the previous tennis court area between the school and the tot lot. Much work needs to be done, such as soil testing, cost of fencing, appropriate plants to help deter critters. It is suggested that the committee wait to do any fundraising for 501c3 designation. Monica Fink suggests contacting Wild Dawn Farms who does equity gardens to see if they might offer suggestions and/or help.

### **Unfinished Business**

MAL roles need to be defined. Jonathan Niesen volunteers to be the Block Captain Coordinator and Lynn Richardson the Newsletter editor.

Formation of an Events Committee - no action taken.

Review of planned events for 2021 for COVID safety.

Bike rally canceled in favor of something virtual - Monica Fink suggests incorporating Safe Routes to School when rally resumes

Juneteenth a yes

Neighborhood Picnic - no

Garage sale - yes

Halloween Parade - too early to call

There being no further business Todd Swales moved to adjourn, Doug Norhause seconded.  
Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen McCabe-Power/Brittany Pazdan