# **Waverly Place Homeowners Association**

# Neighborhood HOA Meeting June 4, 2025

#### Welcome:

- Call to Order: Tenneh Snell called the meeting to order at 6:08pm
- Present: Don Smith (President), Drake Snell (Vice President), and Tenneh Snell (Secretary)
- Absent: Regan Cole (Landscaping)

#### Welcome remarks & Introduction of Board Members

- Don welcomed everyone and acknowledged busy schedules. Attendees were asked to review the budget, agenda, and verify email addresses by the sign-in Sheet.
- Residents in attendance introduced themselves with names and street addresses.

## **Finance Report:**

- Bank Balance: \$20,147
- Current Expenses: \$16,434
  - The community is now operating with a positive balance after several years of deficit.
- Key Expense
  - Landscaping remains the largest cost, but cost-saving measures (e.g., removing annuals, reducing watering) have been implemented.
- Pioneer remains the vendor.
- The board emphasized future-proofing finances for upcoming infrastructure changes.

# **Neighborhood Events:**

- The HOA no longer has a dedicated social chair; all events are coordinated voluntarily.
  - Don emphasized the need for event volunteers to prevent board burnout.
- Upcoming Events:
  - 4th of July Parade
  - Potential adult-only events and family mixers
  - Past Successful Events: Easter Egg Hunt, Wave Party, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
    - Easter Egg Hunt (noted issues using WBK space and lack of shared responsibility)
- Community Engagement:
  - HOA will fund snacks/beverages

- Volunteers are needed to plan and host. Someone can chair it- delegate roles to put on events. Does not have to be a board member.
- Food trucks are not considered social events put on by HOA.
- Provide ideas for social events for HOA to sponsor.
- Discussion: WBK space is controversial—approval and usage has led to tension with their residents. The board recommended exploring other areas like cul-de-sacs and homeowner spaces.

## **Landscaping Updates:**

- Bale Kenyon Expansion Project/Overlap with community maintenance
  - Closure announced by township: June 16-September 5th; no advance notice was provided by the township.
  - Detours will impact neighborhood traffic- plan accordingly.
  - The board has concerns about overlap with the entrance wall and sign area
  - HOA has no ownership of the entrance island; it may be in the county right-of-way. Title search may be pursued for legal clarification to determine property lines and responsibilities.
  - Suggestion to pause entrance upgrades until clarity on township construction and possible reimbursement.
  - Pioneer remains responsive and cost-effective. The board recommends growing the surplus before taking on large-scale landscaping updates.
  - Street signage:
    - Street sign repainting discussed. HOA will seek affordable painters to get quotes for- due to the likelihood of having volunteers to cut costs.
    - No parking sign replacement underway.
      - Street width does not allow for safe double parking or emergency vehicle access in some streets in the neighborhood.
    - Speeding Concerns on Foxcroft:
      - Current radars reduce occasional speeding
        - o Additional signs will cost ~4500 each
        - o The proposal was made to gather neighborhood support before pursuing additional signs or traffic calming efforts.
  - Homeowner Landscaping Rules
    - Reminders about regulations for flower beds, mailbox types, shed designs, and fence restrictions.
    - HOA bylaws are in *effect*, and violations will be addressed.
  - Volunteers:
    - Sign up Genius for holidays- Christmas lights, Halloween decorations, etc.

#### Maintenance

- BYLAWS / HOA Handbook Review
  - Residents were reminded of bylaws regarding sheds, fences, landscaping, and tree removal.
    - Sheds, fencing, and other structures must match home and be approved by the board and design committee.
  - Handbook and restrictions are enforceable
    - Violations require formal complaints to initiate action
    - Fines are added to the residents account and must be resolved before property transfer.
  - Enforcement Protocol-

# BOARD DOES NOT "PATROL" - Violations are complaint-based

- Complaint received
- Board reviews for actual rule violation (Bylaws/Deed Restrictions)
- Waning Issued (with grace period to resolve depending on how large of an infarction)
- Final Notice and fine (if unresolved)
- Increasing concerns about homes being converted to rentals (long/short-term)
  - Per Bylaws: Rentals are permitted for hardships (one-time use), to immediate family members, and grandfathered rentals.
  - Legal counsel advises strict enforcement of property maintenance for renters, not restriction of rentals, due to Ohio law.
    - By-Laws would have to be updated by legal team
- Management Company
  - Due to burnout, increasing responsibilities and pushback, the board has collected quotes to possibly transition to a management company.
    - Estimate range from \$20-30 per household/year- cost likely much higher when initially setting things up.
  - Management company would:
    - Handle collections of dues, enforcement of bylaws, and communication
  - No final decision made—any action requires community (homeowners) vote.

### **Communication:**

- Current communication methods
  - Email, Facebook, signage, and mailings.
- Residents encouraged to:
  - Confirm emails
  - Share information with non-Facebook users
  - Help neighbors get on the communication list

- Suggestion to send a new introductory email with updated contact list and future updates

# **Open Floor (Homeowner Questions/Concerns:**

- Dave Yanka:
  - Appreciation expressed for community support with helping to find their family pet.
- Discussed need for updated email list and transparency regarding volunteer roles
- Residents encouraged to:
  - Suggest small events
  - Respect neighbors and bylaws to reduce enforcement burden
  - Email, Facebook, signage, and mailings.

# Adjournment

- Next Meeting Date: TBD

- Board Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm

# **Tenneh Snell, Secretary**