

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,  
VIRTURAL MEETING  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021**

The meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune – yea

Aldermen: April Milne – yea  
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Lisa Eisenhauer – yea  
Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk  
Paul Rost, City Attorney

Permanent records are kept of all minutes and ordinances. Each ordinance is read a minimum of two times by title, unless otherwise noted.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Alderman Whitmore asked to add under Discussion Items the Park Committee's proposed wagon in the Park. Mayor Fortune stated that the Park Committee is still finalizing their recommendation and he would like to wait until the Board has received their recommendation. Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda consisting of the February 17, 2021 Regular Session Minutes, the February 17, 2021 Work Session Minutes, Closed Session Minutes from February 17, 2021 and the Bills List from February 13, 2021 to February 26, 2021. Alderman Milne motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. The motion passed by voice vote of four yes, zero no.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS**

**Police Report:** Officer John Wehner reviewed the February Police Report as well as the hours he logged on the bike for February.

Mayor Fortune stated that he was contacted by someone who was involved in an accident at the intersection of Big Bend and Meramec Station Road. Officer Wehner compiled the statistics on this intersection for accidents which have occurred over the past several years. The number of accidents is low and there have not been any casualties. A year ago an appeal was made to St. Louis County for safety measures with the unprotected turns. No change was made at the time. Another appeal has been made to St. Louis County and the City is waiting to hear their answer.

Alderman Milne asked if the speed limit could be lowered from 40 mph through this area. She feels that 40 mph is too fast through this area.

### **PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no Preliminary Citizen Comments.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Park Reservation Policy:** City Clerk Johnson stated at this time the City has not been taking Park reservations. That time of year is approaching for reservations. He proposed to the Board to begin taking reservations, subject to any public health guidelines from St. Louis County. He also stated that there are several projects that will be done in the Park that we may need to work around. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Whitmore motioned to allow rentals at the park pavilion per St. Louis county guidelines, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer and the motion passed by a voice vote.

**Crescent Avenue Sidewalk Project:** Mayor Fortune stated that the City held meetings with the three homeowners on whose property the proposed sidewalk will be constructed. Copies of the plans for the two options being considered were available for each homeowner to review. City Clerk Johnson reviewed the discussion at the meetings with each homeowner and the feedback the city received.

**2 Golden Oak Ct.:** Denise Deckert is the owner of 2 Golden Oak Ct. Ms. Deckert preferred Option C which did not relocate the utility pole. She would like to have the tree which is being removed to be replaced by the City. Her main concern is the Board did not have a comprehensive plan for sidewalks throughout the City.

**90 Crescent Avenue:** Joe and Becky Krewson are the owners of 90 Crescent Avenue. The Krewsons are in favor of the project. The main concern they have is water drainage/runoff that occurs down Crescent Avenue during a rain which pools and drains onto their property. Mr. Krewson shared a video of the water running down Crescent Avenue during a rain with the City, which was also shared with the Board. The Krewsons also felt that the slope created without a retaining wall was too steep and would be hard to maintain. They would prefer having a retaining wall in that area. Discussion ensued on the

drainage issue. Alderman Eisenhower recommended having the drainage issue fixed during construction of the sidewalk and have the retaining wall curve around onto the property. It was recommended having BFA look at the drainage issue to see if these recommendations would correct the problem or what would be recommended.

**98 Crescent Avenue:** Randy and Laurie DuVall are the owners of 98 Crescent Avenue. The DuValls are not in favor of the sidewalk, however if the sidewalk does become a reality they would like it to be built to a high standard. One issue that they have voiced a concern over the last several years, is the safety along Crescent Avenue with speeding and cars running the stop sign at the corner of Crescent Avenue and Crescent Road. They stated these concerns have been previously shared with the Board without any action being taken.

Tree replacement was a point they would like to see addressed. Any trees that are removed they would like the City to replace. Their property has the largest number of trees that would be removed.

They also noticed that the fire hydrant on the plans was in the middle of the sidewalk. They felt this was a safety issue and would like to see the hydrant relocated.

The area of the sidewalk that curves around onto Crescent Road and runs along the side of their property is proposed to have this area graded. They stated that the grade is very steep and will be hard to maintain. They would like to have a retaining wall constructed in this area.

They also stated that the curbing which runs along Crescent Road from the end of the sidewalk to the inlet is crumbling. They would like to see the curbing replaced to hopefully direct the water during a rain to the inlet located down Crescent Road.

They also are concerned the sidewalk will increase the grade of their driveway which will cause difficulty entering and exiting the driveway.

Mayor Fortune asked Mr. Krewson about his video of the water runoff. Mr. Krewson stated that the video was taken during a heavy rain, however during a small rain the water still runs down the road and into his yard.

Discussion ensued. City Clerk Johnson asked the Board what feedback they have and any changes they would like to see in the plan. The Board was in agreement that relocation of the fire hydrant, moving of the two utility poles and the construction of the two retaining walls were important to include in the plan.

The Board felt that the water issue should be addressed as well. Alderman Milne suggested putting in the sidewalk with the adjustments discussed to see if the water issue is resolved. Alderman Eisenhower stated that she would like the issue to be addressed at construction.

If the issue was not resolved with the construction of the sidewalk the repair would be costly for the City.

Mr. Krewson suggested that the dip in Crescent Avenue in front of his home could possibly be removed and raised by regrading a small portion of the street, which may solve the problem.

City Clerk Johnson stated to the Board that the engineering budget will exceed what was budgeted with the changes and revisions that have been made and the time of Tiffany Campbell of BFA Engineering to attend the meetings which have occurred regarding the sidewalk. Alderman Eisenhower feels this is money that has been well spent and well managed.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Rost is beginning to look at the City's sign code. He is reviewing to make sure the code is up to date and clear. He will be working with City Clerk Johnson on the revision. Once completed it will be sent to Planning & Zoning Commission for review.

### **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

#### **General Updates**

#### **Aldi's Development**

- Staff followed up with developers after the Feb. 17 meeting and shared information on the approval process for the final development plan and the process for applying for building permits.

#### **Safety Issues at Meramec Station Road and Big Bend Road**

- In the last several weeks, the City has heard from several residents concerned with the safety of the Meramec Station Road and Big Bend Road intersection. Mayor Fortune has shared their concerns with Councilman Tim Fitch, who has requested a review of the intersection by the County's transportation and public works department.
- Crash data compiled by St. Louis County Police Officer John Wehner for the last several years is included with your packet.

#### **GFOA Certificate of Achievement in Excellence Report**

- The City was recently informed that the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the City a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2019 audit. This is the 13th year the City has achieved this prestigious award.

### **Trash Pickup Assistance**

- The City recently received a request from a resident who, due to health and mobility issues, is unable to get his trash carts down their driveway to the curb. Waste Management can do a pickup directly from his porch for an extra \$5 per household. Staff has approved the resident's request.

### **Clothing Order**

- Staff have received a quote on the order for the City-branded clothing items. Total cost for a minimum order of 12 items is \$353.90 plus shipping, which is estimated to be an additional \$50. This cost includes embroidery of the logo on the front.

### **Walgreens Temporary Dumpster**

- A temporary dumpster permit has been approved for Walgreens through April 1. They are working on replacing and/or repairing the permanent dumpster due to issues with its compaction mechanism.

### **Project Updates**

#### **Electrical Repairs in the Park**

- Staff has finished the first draft of the RFP and received feedback from City Attorney Paul Rost for review. Next step will be meeting with Maintenance Supervisor John Williams to finalize project specifications.

#### **Condo Curb Repairs**

- Oreo & Botta estimates the work will take two days to complete and is looking at scheduling it for April.

#### **Picnic Table Pads**

- Oreo & Botta is also looking to schedule this work for April.

#### **Crescent Road Sidewalk Project**

- Based on discussions at the Feb. 17 work session, BFA has prepared and printed versions of Concept A and Concept C. Staff has scheduled meetings with two of the three impacted homeowners on Crescent Road and Golden Oak.

#### **Autumn Leaf Runoff**

- We are still waiting on review of the revised license agreement by the Church's attorney. Church management has said they have no further revisions or comments on the agreement.
- The church's contractor has revised and submitted a proposal for a berm and swale based on feedback from the City. The contractor will submit a site work application to the City and then submit for a land disturbance permit from St. Louis

Alderman Eisenhower stated that after the meetings with the residents on Crescent Avenue regarding the sidewalk project, it was good having interaction with the residents again.

Alderman Stoeckl agreed that the Northwoods look great after the removal of the honeysuckle.

Mayor Fortune informed the Board that he had written an end of year letter to the residents of Twin Oaks. The letter will be put on the website, sent via email and a physical letter will be sent to the residents as well.

Mayor Fortune stated that the Board needs to work on a plan for future sidewalks within the City that was requested by Denise Deckert of 2 Golden Oak Ct.

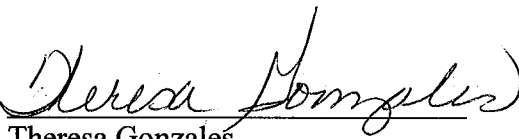
### **FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no final citizen comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Alderman Eisenhower motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

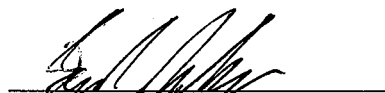
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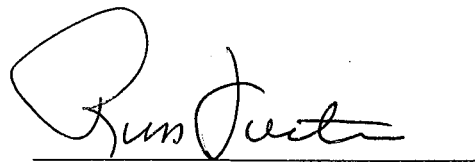
  
Theresa Gonzales,  
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval:

3-17-2021

ATTEST:

  
Frank Johnson  
City Clerk

  
Russ Fortune,  
Mayor, Board of Aldermen