

City of Blue Ridge Manor

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CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR MEETING MINUTES JULY 23, 2012

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 27th, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on July 23rd, 2012 at the Middletown Fire Department, Division 2. The meeting came to order at 7:00pm, Mayor Mike Ober presiding.

The following were present:

Mike Ober, Mayor	Carla Kreitman - Commissioner
Hans Klose – Mayor Pro Tem	Julie Colucci – Commissioner
Pat Gramig, City Clerk	Art Sims – Blue Ridge Manor
Robert Carter, Treasurer	
Porter Lady - Commissioner	

Approval of June Minutes

Having distributed the June minutes to the Commission prior to the June meeting, Mayor Ober asked for any corrections or objections. Since there were no corrections, the meeting minutes stood as read. Porter Lady moved that they be accepted. Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bob stated the 2012 property tax bills are ready for mailing. His goal is to have them mailed by August 1st. He also stated that the Annual report will be available at the August monthly meeting. Mr. Carter continued with an overview of the June Financial Report. Julie Colucci moved that the reports be approved as read. Hans Klose seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Collection Update

Mayor Ober stated that there are 12 delinquent tax bills and Stan Chauvin will move forward with the mailing of the outstanding notice letter to each owner.

Parking Lot Update

Regarding the drainage issue near Mr. Metcalf's property near Hardesty Park: Stan Chauvin will mail a letter to Mr. Metcalf and his attorney advising them when the city will begin to break

ground in order to correct this issue. Both parties will also be advised when construction of the parking lot begins.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Region V Annual Meeting

Mayor Ober read an email he received from City Clerk, Pat Gramig regarding the City Clerk Region V Annual Meeting to be held in Louisville. Pat was requesting approval to attend the event on behalf of the City of Blue Ridge Manor. Mayor Ober mentioned that there will be five states represented and educational sessions will be held over a period of three days. The registration fee for this is \$175.00. This includes entry to all meeting events, educational sessions, and meals. Hans Klose moved to approve allocating the monies for Pat to attend. Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

Ecotech Waste Logistics

Mayor Ober introduced an email he received from Metro Councilman, Jerry Miller. The email recognized Ecotech, a waste logistics leader in Kentuckiana, and their involvement with the recovery of the town of Henryville, Indiana when it was devastated by a recent tornado. Due to their involvement with this endeavor, Ecotech created the "10,000 Trees Partnership" that would help plant 10,000 trees over the next decade through schools, businesses and non-profit groups in areas that were of need.

Mayor Ober mentioned that he would like the Commission to keep this information available for further discussion in the near future.

"Branding" the City

Mayor Ober reported that the new signage in the City, the website and Newsletter has improved the identity of the City of Blue Ridge Manor. He has received compliments from the Mayor of Hurstbourne about our efforts of improvement. He has also received some positive remarks from the Mayor of Douglass Hills, as well.

Hans Klose shared some concern regarding the stop signs that are now posted too far back from the street intersections making it difficult for drivers to see the sign before stopping at the intersection. Julie Colucci related that this was due to the location of the utility lines under the pavement and how the signs were positioned to prevent any obstruction to them. She will work on this issue and does not see it as a major problem.

Bob Carter added that checks have been sent to pay for the rest of the signage that has been ordered. Mayor Ober also indicated that part of the City Branding should have a standard logo for letterhead stationery and envelopes that can be used for all City correspondence by any City official. There was some discussion regarding the Blue logo that is now being used on the new City signage and the Keystone logo that is now being used for the newsletter. Some felt that a decision should be made by the Commission which logo would be the most appropriate. Julie Colucci will get a jpeg file of the Blue logo that was used on the signage and Carla Kreitman will

provide a jpeg file of the Keystone logo. Both will email the Board both logos for further discussion at the next monthly meeting.

OctoberFest (Budgeting)

Mayor Ober informed the Commission that he met with management of Stonefield Square to discuss the Octoberfest that the City plans to hold in October. He will follow up with a letter to Mr. Tracy so he can get approval from the owners of Stonefield to conduct the Octoberfest on their property. He also spoke to Mr. Robin Williams of the Department of Public Works who has a portable stage that the City may use. The Mayor also wants to have some OctoberFest pins available for sale in order to generate some additional revenue. Mayor Ober would like someone yp volunteer to pursue pricing for fencing the area that will be used for the event. Renting any fencing would only be for one night. He has also approached “WoundedWear”, an organization that supports wounded military to become part of this event.

More discussion for generation of revenue included Pins, beer and food sales. It was suggested to charge \$3.00 for food tickets (Yellow) and \$3.00 for beer tickets (Red). Porter inquired if food tickets could be traded out in the stores of Stonefield Square for their merchandise. Mayor Ober felt that we could run a risk without further research on this idea and would recommend not doing it the first year of the event till we work out any kinks that could exist. Mayor Ober felt that we should take this event in small steps the first year and gradually work up to its potential. It was also suggested to go on a cash basis only the first year.

Porter Lady inquired about the date that was selected for this event. In checking the October 20th selected date, there is some question of a conflict that may arise regarding a U of L football game. There was however a conflict free date of October 13 and 27th. After much discussion, Carla Kreitman suggested to keep both dates October 20th and October 13th available for consideration. September 15th is scheduled as the deadline date to have all things agreed upon and in place.

Leased Storage Space

Mayor Ober reported that Mr. RobertWesterman, Realtor, who manages the StoneField Square property, has agreed to lease the City of Blue Ridge manor some storage space. This space will be available for viewing this coming Wednesday and Mayor Ober suggested anyone on the Board interested in looking at the space with him should meet at Baskin Robbins at 9:00am. The space will handle all current City Records, past financial records that Ron Walker, former treasurer has in his possession and any other records that the former Commissioners have at their residence.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department of Public Safety – Julie Colucci

Commissioner Colucci stated that she had nothing new to report. The signage installations are going well.

Public Property and Finance – Hans Klose

Hans Klose reported that he is working on the annual report and should be completed by next month's meeting.

Department of Community Affairs & Public Records – Carla Kreitman

Carla reported that the Summer Picnic plans are going well. She also made some changes on the website for easier handling. They are:

- She has updated and downloaded all the City minutes and Ordinances.
- She is planning to provide more information from the neighborhood associations highlighting some of their activities. Each Association, however must have their own website.
- She is working on Jerry Miller link, District 19, as well as the other Metro Councilmen from District 18.
- Providing a drop down box to include City Budget information. She will need guidance on the type of information that will be provided.
- Improve the Drop Down Box – “Contact us”. There will be an email provided for all Commissioners to have available to use i.e., mail@blueridgeky.org

Department of Park and Recreation – Porter Lady

Porter has added additional mulch around the swing area. He is also researching the purchase of rubber mulch which is a higher class of mulch for the playground area. Rubber tires are used for this type of mulch and Porter indicated that this can be an expensive endeavor so at the present time he will not pursue this option. Bob Carter suggested to inquire purchase mulch through the Kentucky League of Cities as they have mulch available and would help.

He is also pursuing a mechanical pitching machine for the park. Cris Karem informed Porter that the materials for the Bat House have been ordered and construction of the bathhouse should be completed prior to the summer picnic. Further investigation of the water issue for the park, Porter stated that Mr. Tarply reminded him that the oak shed that was previously in the park had water and when the shed was removed the water hole was filled up with sand. Porter felt this could possibly be reversed in order to provide water to the park without too much expense. Mr. Tarply also requested putting up signs in the park when either grass was being mowed or the park was under maintenance. The signs would indicate a temporary closing of the park to ensure the safety of the residents who would be using the park at these particular times. Mayor Ober suggested that Porter pursue this purchase since he has the budget to do so.

There being no further business, the Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn. Julie Colucci moved for adjournment. Carla Kreitman seconded it. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Patricia Gramig - City Clerk

Mike Ober – Mayor