

City of Blue Ridge Manor

Mike Ober, Mayor
101 Shelby Pointe Drive
Louisville KY 40223

Pat Gramig, City Clerk
122 Blue Fields Road
Louisville KY 40223

CITY OF BLUE RIDGE MANOR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 25, 2012

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 23rd, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the City of Blue Ridge Manor, Ky. was held on June 25, 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
Hans Klose – Mayor Pro Tem
Pat Gramig, City Clerk
Stan Chauvin II – City Attorney
Porter Lady - Commissioner

Carla Kreitman - Commissioner
Julie Colucci – Commissioner
Roger Lanning – Dorsey Village

Approval of May Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Robert Carter, the May month-end Financial Report was not read but distributed to the Commission for review. Carla Kreitman moved that the reports be accepted. Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Collection Update

Stan Chauvin reported that all the past due tax collection letters are ready for mailing. He indicated that he has given each property owner ten days from date of the letter to respond. The Demand letters will be mailed out on June 26th.

Parking Lot Update

Mayor Ober updated the Commission on the discussions he and Stan Chauvin had regarding the parking lot repair issues with property owner, Mr. Metcalf and his attorney. Mayor Ober reviewed a copy of the plans with them and explained the drainage project that was planned. He informed them that work on this project will include the drainage area of concern and leveling the ground to correct this issue. An accepted bid for this was in the amount of \$18,750.00. This bid cost will cover everything with exception of the actual parking lot project and should resolve the existing drainage problem. Open bidding was not pursued since an open bid process is only required for anything over \$20,000.00.

The parking lot project cost is estimated to be \$15,000.00.

Mayor Ober also submitted to the engineers an old layout plan of the park that Porter Lady had in his possession. The old layout may reveal a potential existing water line that supplied water to the old shack that was originally in the park at one time. If there is an existing waterline that can be utilized, this will eliminate additional costs to install one for supplying irrigation means to the park.

Porter Lady made a motion that the Mayor continue to pursue these options. Julie Colucci seconded it. Motion carried.

Security Issue

Mayor Ober received a phone call from property owner in the Blue Ridge Ct. area regarding a theft. This involved four cars that were suspiciously broken into by a high-tech device that automatically unlocks car doors. There were no broken windows to indicate illegal entry and owners confirmed that all four cars were locked when parked. The theft occurred approximately 3am and a witness saw some youth escaping from the scene through a hole in the fence.

Mayor Ober felt the need to remind City residents of this type of incident and requested that we inform them through the next newsletter as well as the City Website. Commissioner Colucci has been in communication with Metro Police who manage our security patrols, regarding this matter. Mayor Ober requested a copy of the police report of these thefts for the City records.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter

Mayor Ober made a comment that the Newsletter may need a higher identification profile to alert City Residents. He recommended that we could possibly have the outside page in color and the inside pages still in black and white. By doing this the residents would be able to identify it as the City Newsletter and still keep production costs at a minimum. Commissioner Colucci stated that this was a good idea since she has had some questions from residents regarding this confusion.

Stonefield Square Update

Roger Lanning, President of Dorsey Village, updated the Commission regarding the Stonefield Square Shopping Center issues. The Shopping Center had been cited to repair the fencing on their property on June 15th by the Louisville Metro Planning Commission. Mr. Lanning stated that some repair work was immediately in progress. There was also a grass violation that needed to be addressed through the Land Development Code process. The grass violation will be sent through the court system. A copy of the emails sent to enforce these procedures will be attached to these minutes as part of the history of these filings.

There was rumored that the Shopping Center may file bankruptcy. Some discussion followed about how the City of Blue Ridge Manor would recover any City expenses if this should occur. The Bank would foreclose on the property and any liens the city would have against the Center at that time should be compensated. Mayor Ober, Roger Lanning and Stan Chauvin will continue to follow this course of action.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Department of Public Safety – Julie Colucci

Commissioner Colucci stated that the placement of new signs have begun this week. She also requested that she would like to spend the rest of her budget to begin construction on the entrance sign to Blue Ridge Manor. All agreed that this was acceptable and Julie related that she will proceed.

Commissioner Colucci also followed-up with the Metro Police regarding the car break-ins on Blue Ridge Court. She discussed increased security patrol during the hours of midnight to 3am to ensure better City protection. She reiterated that this would be the only change in schedule since coverage is patrolled well at other times. She also informed the Commission that the City has had no reported crimes in our area since last August, 2011. Mayor Ober interjected that he would like to have this crime report that is found on the internet, to be linked to our website to help keep the City well informed.

Public Property and Finance – Hans Klose

Hans had nothing to report at this time since Bob Carter, the City Treasurer, is out on vacation. Mike Ober reported that compensation checks will be available July 3rd upon Bob's return.

Department of Community Affairs & Public Records

Carla Kreitman reported that she would like to change the date of the Summer Picnic to Sunday, September 9th. She felt this would be a more appropriate time and would help to increase the picnic attendance. Everyone agreed that this would be suitable.

The deadline for all articles for the summer newsletter is July 9th. The Newsletter will be sent to the printers on July 16th. She intends to have more website information, and update on the Safety Fair. New signs article from Julie Colucci and a landscaping update from Porter Lady.

Carla felt the Safety Fair went well and those who attended were pleased with the event. There may be some location changes for this event next year.

Mayor Ober suggested that the City may want to consider doing an October Fest that could generate some revenue for the City as well as involving nonprofit organizations. Discussion followed how this may be planned so we could involve the ethnic/cultural community as well. A discussion of providing a shuttle bus to make transportation easier for those attending was considered a valuable part of proper crowd control.

Everyone agreed that this potential event would need more discussion in order to finalize for next year's City Calendar of Events.

Department of Park and Recreation – Porter Lady

Porter Lady reported that landscaping was completed for the following entrances:

- Blue Ridge Manor
- Dorsey Village
- Shelby Point
- Dorsey Station
- Dorsey Point

He also stated that there have been no problems with parking in the park. Mulch has been laid by the swing set and playground area. He is also researching the use of rubber mulch and the cost for any future work to be done. Hans Klose inquired about the three crepe Myrtle trees that were in the front entrance of Blue Ridge Manor. Porter stated that when the new landscaping was done, they were cleared away.

Hans also inquired about the financial records being retrieved from Ron Walker's residence. Mayor Ober commented that he is still trying to acquire adequate space to store the City records. His original thought was to approach Mr. Westerman for some space that would allow us to have our own mailing address. Mayor Ober is still pursuing this option.

Stan Chauvin moved to re-open the May 30th Minutes in order to correct/revise the Parking Lot update portion of the minutes so that it read with specific clarification. Mayor Ober asked for a second to this motion. Hans Klose seconded it. Motion carried.

Roger Lanning complimented on the work that the present Commission and Mayor Ober have accomplished in their first year. He was very pleased to see that the events scheduled so far has made people aware of their community and he was excited about involving the Senior Citizens with their own events i.e., quilting event, checkers or chess competitions in the park. He encouraged the Commission to continue these positive efforts.

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

Attachment/Stonefield Square/Dorsey Village