

Town of Ulen Board Meeting – June, 2022

Monthly Meeting	Attendees
Date and Time: 6:30 PM, Jun. 21, 2022	Steve Lewis
Location: Home of Elmer and Helen Parks	Elmer Parks
Notes Compiled by: Mary Ann Herny	Jennifer Jones
	Mark Ransom
	Sue Ritz
	Bob Burgun
	Mary Ann Herny
	Helen Parks

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30.

Old Business

Streetlights

- SetCo has provided estimates for streetlight work, and the Board is reviewing. Meanwhile, they have agreed to begin some activities such as cleaning lights and replacing bulbs, which will better position us to qualify for grant funding. SetCo believes that they have come up with a plan to repair and service them less expensively. The Board is asking for more details on the estimate, to ensure all are in agreement about the plan being proposed.
- Mark Ransom is pursuing the South Shore Clean Cities Grant for the streetlight project.
- A question was posed about potential impact on the monthly power bill – will the Town continue to pay a flat rate per light pole?
- No additional decisions about pursuing HCUF funds have been made until a firm quote has been provided by SetCo. However, verbal discussions have clarified that the Foundation will assist with or cover the cost of work done on Country Club Drive.

Community Engagement Activities

- Website updates are under way and should be completed in the next week or two.
- The resident survey suggested by resident volunteer Lisa Peterson has been drafted and a preliminary version reviewed by Mary Ann Herny, who is coordinating this. Some suggestions were made and revisions are in progress.
- Mary Ann Herny met with the Country Club office manager to explore ways to consolidate and enhance mailing lists. Currently the best and most accurate list is managed by the Club. The Club's management software has an email list management module that may allow additional administrators to be given limited access to that data so that they may manage unique lists for the Club, the Town, and the Foundation. Mercedes Jones is exploring best options for this.

Overgrown Trees and Bushes

- The Board discussed the need for a landscaping vendor to do general maintenance of common areas (such as the entryway and circles). Suggestions were made about various landscaping companies. The Board will explore options.

- Some complaints have been received about bushes and trees that block sidewalks. Discussions will continue with residents to encourage them to keep pathways clear

New Business

Elections

- The Board confirmed that any petitions to nominate new Board members needed to be submitted on June 23. This was new information received very late in the process, as the county clear earlier in the year indicated new elections would not occur until 2023. Board members discussed their own plans and intentions, and how to reach out to possible new nominees for positions likely to be vacant. Mark Ransom indicated he would send notification out to all residents.

Workers in Residence

- A discussion was held about the rumored possibility of workers living in an owner home. This has been addressed with the homeowner who was reminded of the existing single family restrictive covenant.

ATT Exposed Wiring

- Sue Ritz discussed the fact that exposed wiring has been in her yard for more than a year, and she has been unsuccessful in getting the utility to rebury it. The wiring was thought to be MetroNet's but it now appears these are ATT cables. After multiple calls, an incident ticket has finally been issued, but no actions taken yet. The Board agreed to continue to assist and support this effort.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ensure SetCo clarifies and explains its estimate and grant writing plan so that the Board can approve any streetlight work. Steve Lewis/Mark Ransom
- Research potential impact on utility bill as new lights are considered. Mark Ransom
- Provide estimate for Country Club drive separately to the HCUF with our funding request. Steve Lewis/Mary Ann Herny
- Complete website updates/Mary Ann Herny
- Continue work on resident survey, submit survey to Board for review and input before distributing. Mary Ann Herny
- Gather recommendations from UCC on best methods to optimize email communications. Mary Ann Herny
- Solicit quotes for landscaping maintenance. Steve Lewis
- Follow up on status of ATT work. Steve Lewis

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

cc. Elmer Parks, Steve Lewis, Jennifer Jones, Mark Ransom