

**Prairie East Fifth Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 5:27 pm by President, Cory Miller

Board Members Present:

Cory Miller, Tim Nelson, Amy Dresch, Dorothy Fuss and Linda Petersen. Also present Lori Waltzer,  
Property Manager and Jean Bean

**Secretary's Report:** Amy Dresch moved to accept the March 15<sup>th</sup> secretary's report as presented. Dorothy Fuss seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amy Dresch moved to accept the March treasurer's report as presented and Linda Petersen seconded. Motion carried.

**Management Report**

**City Sidewalk:** The city of Eden Prairie sent a letter to Cory Miller stating a sidewalk will be installed along the north side of Juniper Avenue joining it with the existing sidewalk and ending at Franlo Road. The irrigation system runs along that area and will most likely be damaged. Amy Dresch will call Jim Richardson from the city of Eden Prairie to find out what prompted it and ask about repairs to existing irrigation system and lawns areas.

**Maintenance Plan:** MCIOA requires all associations to have a maintenance plan in place. Since Prairie East is not under MCIOA, this requirement does not apply. However, Prairie East does perform routine maintenance and will formalize the current plan in writing.

**New Business**

**No Stress Gardening Lawn Renovation:** No Stress Gardening revised their previous proposal and the board looked at the items and the current budget. Dorothy Fuss moved to accept No Stress Gardening proposal, item ID 11-18-C Soil and Turf Rejuvenation in the areas around the homes, excluding the berm areas along Franlo and Pioneer Trail and also the large common area behind the homes to reduce the cost. The motion also consisted of accepting items 11-18-E and 11-18-G, drop seeding only. Tim Nelson seconded the motion and the motion carried. While the funds are over the current landscaping budget of the association, there were excess funds from 2017 of \$30,000 which will be used to fund this project. The board is also aware of additional needed work at 10362 and 10341 Balsam Lane and needs to ensure there are enough funds to cover all projects.

Lori will also add an area onto the Management Report showing the total cost of association work approved and not invoiced so the budget can be closely monitored.

**Irrigation System Solar Panel:** Amy Dresch moved to approve No Stress Gardening to apply for a Cost Share Grant to the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District. Linda Petersen seconded and the motion carried.

The upgrade has become necessary since Irrigation Management did not install the controllers as were bid in the original contract. The bid called for one controller with electric. Irrigation Management installed controllers at three locations without getting any change order approvals from Prairie East Fifth Association. They also did not install electric controllers and were expecting to "tap" the electricity off from the closest homes. When Lori Waltzer told them that was not approved, Irrigation Management looked for other options. The option they came up with was to install battery operated controllers. Chris

Vaseka, from Irrigation Management, met with Lori Waltzer, Cory Miller and Dorothy Fuss after the controllers were installed. He told those present that this was a solar controller and would have all the capabilities that the board wanted – remote monitoring and the weather station. Only after No Stress Gardening was onsite did they tell the association that those controllers were not solar and had no remote monitoring options. There is also no weather station, but rather the minimal rain sensor required on any irrigation system.

Mary Davy from No Stress Gardening has been working on alternate solutions to make the irrigation system work properly. The only way to do that is to upgrade the current controllers. After much investigation and legwork on her end, she gave the board several options for changing the controllers. The ideal and least invasive solution is to install the Solar Controller. This will require purchase of three solar controllers, installation of concrete pads and installation to the existing system.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by Lori Waltzer

Next meeting, Thursday, May 17. 5:30 pm at the Eden Prairie Library, large conference room. The annual homeowner meeting will follow at 7:00 pm.