

## Solitude Pointe Subdivision HOA Board Minutes August 10, 2010 Meeting

## **Attendees:**

Dale Fisher	6749 Alta Dr.	231-0797
Andrew Fribley	6684 Alta Dr.	360-6097
Mark Velarde	7082 Alta Dr.	231-3747
Walt Blacha	8788 Solitude Dr.	231-2472

The meeting began at 7:05 P.M. at the home of Dale Fisher. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of some tree removals, park improvements and curb replacement. A couple other topics were introduced during the meeting which will be described further in this notice.

**Tree Removal:** Dale was responsible for contacting several tree removal services and soliciting bids. The board reviewed his results and chose Metro West based on their qualifications and price for the services required. A separate notice describing the dates and the services has been prepared and will be distributed along with these minutes.

**Park Improvement:** Several interested homeowners participated on the park improvement committee. Two separate plans were developed. There were some concerns about using non-native species in one of the plans. These concerns appear to have been resolved. Due to the lapse of time and the start of the summer school break, no planting improvements have been initiated. Once the school break is over and the weather cools a bit, we should see some new activity.

**Curb Repair:** One bid is currently in hand. Andrew Fribley is seeking 3 more bids for comparison purposes. It appears that special equipment is required for broken curb removal which is limiting the ability to find qualified companies. The board wants to minimize the impact to the lawns of those homes that have the broken curbs while the repairs are being made. Ideally we would like to use one company that can repair the concrete curbs and any asphalt damage. This has slowed the progress on this issue.

## **New Business:**

**Mail Boxes:** The board received a request from one homeowner inquiring as to whether there was someone who could repair or build mailboxes to match those that the builder installed. Walt Blacha indicated that he would attempt to search for a handyman to perform this task if there was enough interest to make it profitable for the handyman. Homeowners that have an interest in this should send

an e-mail to Walt at <u>walterb@chartermi.net</u> to indicate their interest. If we have several replies, Walt will begin his search.

**Fall Sprinkler Flushes:** Over the past few years we have had an ad hoc attempt to get a good rate for flushing our sprinkler systems. Several homeowners participated and were satisfied with the price and service. The question was asked if there was any desire to solicit bids for this service to a wider group of contractors to see if we can get the same service at a lower price. If there is interest in this, please send Walt an e-mail indicating this and he will contact several companies to see what price point we can achieve. It is assumed that a majority of the homes in the association would assure a lower price.

Waste Removal Price Increase: We recently received an increase from Monroe's for trash hauling. In the early days of the Association, we had several different trash hauling companies drive through the subdivision on several different days of the week. Trash cans on the curb on different days of the week was not a very attractive site. The Board initially involved itself to reduce the heavy truck traffic on our roads and consolidate pickup to a single day of the week. The side benefit was a more attractive price. Should the Board resolicit bids for this service in an attempt to receive a lower price? Indicate your interest in an e-mail to Walt. If there is enough interest we solicit the local providers.

**Road Crack Patching:** At this time there is no scheduled crack repair for this year. If you have new cracks or old cracks that have reopened, please communicate the location to one of the board members or Walt.

**Association Picnic:** The Board is planning on scheduling a picnic in the park on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Details and times to follow.

**Entrance Beautification:** The Board would like to thank Sherry Wilson, Randy Conely and Linda Shearing for their efforts in maintaining the entrance to the subdivision.

Next Homeowners Association Meeting: Wednesday September 29<sup>th, 7:00</sup> P.M.

The meeting concluded at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Walt Blacha