

MINUTES OF THE LAKE GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, January 17, 2019, 7 pm

Board Members Present: Chair, Jerry Nierengarten; Secretary, Jo Sparkes;
Directors: Mike Buck, Mike Carlson, Chuck Fisher, Sheila Carlson, Trudy Corrigan;
Attendees: Ed Gehrig, Janice Gehrig

Called to Order by Jerry Nierengarten at 7:00 pm

Treasurer Report: No report

Minutes: Approved with removal of Trudy Corrigan from attendance last time.

Tree Removal – Ed and Janice Gehrig had written a passionate letter protesting the bulldozing of the groundcover and planned removal of the grove of trees at the intersection of Boones Ferry and the Railroad crossing. They wrote of the history of the area and the impact to nature. The planning department has scheduled a review for February 4th, where they intend to make their case. They requested the Board support. While there is little that the LGNB can do to stop it, as we have no authority, individual members would love to have this re-thought. We wish him our heartfelt best in the upcoming meeting.

3300 Upper Drive is removing a number of Douglas Firs, including some to make way for a deck in the back of the property. Certainly that will give the owners a nice view of the lake. Mike has concerns that leaving a single strand of trees isn't healthy for Douglas Firs, and wants to try to get them to move the deck. Jerry doubts this can be done, but it's worth the attempt. Mike, Jerry, and Rob will walk the area on Monday (January 21).

Boones Ferry has scheduled some trees to be removed for electrical boxes. Does this removal jeopardize the remaining trees? We have until January 25th to comment. The vaults have 3 different sizes, and this one is 11x6 and will take 3 pines, but no mitigation boxes have to go there. Mike tried to save a Ponderosa pine, but there was nothing to be done.

Approval for Iron Mountain Park – No connecting trail to the existing traverse trail is included in the approved Plan for the active use park area targeted for the previous staging area site.

An even bigger concern is that the toxic soils left from the mining and city-dumped stuff are planned to be handled with two inches of top soil. This solution certainly appears inadequate.

A letter will be written to Parks and Rec Advisory Board & the Park Director to advocate the trail linkage.

Boones Ferry Project – We were happy – and surprised – at the turnout for the Boones Ferry Open House. That bodes well for the project.

Miscellaneous Bits – The Planning commission is going to change the tree mitigation rules for Lake Grove. Our rules differ from all the others in Lake Oswego, where we ask for replacement by tree, and all others go by the inch of the tree cut down.

The LGNB declined to become involved in the search for City Manager.

The Southshore Fire Station is closing due to budget considerations. Lake Oswego has 3 stations at the moment. The one voiced concern is what if a fire occurs while a train blocks the other departments access.

The March meeting will discuss traffic issues. Rick Nys, Transportation Advisory Board, will be our guest for the meeting.

Next Board meeting: 7 p.m., March 21st, 2019, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church

Adjourned: 8:30 p.m. (approximate)