# The Valley Property Owners Association, Inc.

## Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Stonegate Church, 17101 N Western Avenue, Edmond, Oklahoma.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bradshaw. A quorum was present.

#### **Board Members Present:**

**Board Members Absent:** 

Ken Dalton, Secretary

Erin Bradshaw, President Robert David, Vice President Willis Loyall, Assistant Secretary Sharon Dalton, Treasurer

#### **Homeowners Present:**

Jackie Elk Valerie Tipps Dennis Paul JoAnn Young

Chengbin Tang

## **Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes of the August 4, 2016, Board Meeting were distributed. Robert David made a motion they be approved. Seconded by Willis Loyall. They were unanimously approved.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Sharon Dalton did not have a financial statement because it was too early in the month to get a bank statement. She did note that we have a balance of \$26,477.08 in MidFirst Bank and \$309.58 in PayPal for a total of \$26,786.66. She also reported that on August 18, overdue notices were mailed to 73 property owners in The Valley. Since that date, seven have been paid and two liens have been removed. We currently have 19 active liens.

#### **Old Business**

Nextdoor.com: Erin noted August was a huge month for Nextdoor.com. We are up 16 members.

<u>Garage Sales September 30 and October 1</u>: Erin reported we will hold a fall garage sale. She reminded everyone that a \$7 permit is required from the city. Information is available on the city's web site.

<u>Private Drive Repair</u>: The contractor said it will be another three to four weeks before this can be done.

#### **New Business**

<u>Playground</u>: Erin said because previous boards raised dues yearly and the current board has drastically cut expenses, we have a surplus of funds. We would like to install a playground in the commons area. This would increase our home values and benefit families in The Valley. We will look at different materials: school-grade steel/resin or cedar. The wood is cheaper but won't last as long, with the cost being \$10,000 including mulch, border and installation. The school grade would last for 20 years or more but would cost \$20,000 total. The question was asked about insurance, and Robert noted that it would increase to approximately \$2300 per year. We are paying about \$700 right now. Erin noted the school grade structures can be paid in full or financed. The possibility of a fundraiser was mentioned. There was much discussion regarding the proposed playground, but no final decision was made. The general feeling was to purchase the better quality equipment and put \$10,000 down.

<u>Neighborhood Night Out – October 4</u>: Erin noted that last year's event was a great success. This year we will have the same menu, face painter, and bounce houses. We will also have an open enrollment table where homeowners in the voluntary sections can join the POA on the spot. She also suggested that instead of purchasing cupcakes we might ask people to bring desserts to share. We will need eight to ten volunteers the night of the event, and signups will be on Nextdoor.com.

<u>Unsafe Driving in The Valley</u>: Erin spoke about recent incidents of unsafe driving in The Valley. There was much discussion about some recent reports of burglary and speeding problems. Erin noted that OKC.gov does a great job of responding when things are reported. There is also an OKC Connect app.

### **Public Comments/Questions**

There were a number of items discussed: appliance repair service suggestions; water pressure in homes; location of decorations belonging to The Valley; parking issues; and code violations list.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Sharon Dalton

Treasurer