

Springwells Park Association – Annual Meeting

Wednesday May 22, 2024 7:00 pm

Ford Community and Performing Arts Center

Call to Order/opening remarks

Afan Bapacker

Afan Bapacker welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. 20 persons in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Suzanne Urbanski

Minutes from the February 28 General Meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept Betsy Todd, Motion seconded by Cathy Carroll. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker

Ian Tomashik, Preservation Dearborn

Ian spoke about the need for members of the community to write to each City Council member, asking them to update and approve the Historic District Ordinance and telling them we support historic preservation. He also discussed the Michigan State Historic Preservation Tax Credit Basics.

Treasurers Report

Nizar Mahmoud

Treasurers report reviewed. Current Checkbook Balance is \$25,512.

Revenues received from July 1, 2023 – May 2024 totaled \$6,488.80. Expenses totaled \$4,820.14.

Motion to accept as presented by Cathy Carroll, Motion seconded by Craig Aue. Motion passed.

Guest Speaker

Officer M. Farhat introduced himself as Springwells Park's designated Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO). He can be reached at (313)701-4529. Our previous NPO, Officer A. Al-Azawi has been promoted to a new position within the City of Dearborn Police Department.

Committee Reports

Deeds and Restrictions

Rick Sims

Steady flow of applications being received and approved; only one issue of concern on Adams Lane and that is being worked on with the City.

Parks and Commons

Cathy Carroll

Working on pathways into Commons right now. The Ashby to Adams Lane Path was cleaned up recently.

Reminder that it is the responsibility of residents who live on the commons to take care of the commons.

New Neighbors

Therese Terns

There are many new neighbors within the neighborhood. Therese is awaiting the arrive of the new Blue Book so she can meet with the new neighbors and give them a book.

Old Business

Cindy Polakowski

- 1) DFNA April meeting had Chief Shahin as guest speaker. The City is cracking down on random Ford parking lots around the city as these are the sites of a majority of car thefts.
- 2) DFNA May meeting featured the Director of Parks and Recreation as guest speaker.
- 3) The Blue Book was discussed. It is 99% complete and awaiting final approval from Area Reps. As soon as all the information is ok'd, it will be ready for print and distribution.

New Business

- 1) Afan Bapacker discussed the Mayor Walk through Springwells Park which is scheduled for July 25 from 3-5. The walk will begin at the Kroger parking lot and continue into Springwells Park. The mayor will be accompanied by various city officials.
- 2) Brenda Geiger discussed the Home of the Season promotion. A flyer and information about the promotion will be forthcoming by the first week of June.
- 3) Afan Bapacker presented the suggested budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Motion to approve by Carol McAdam. Motion seconded by Cathy Carroll. The budget was unanimously approved.
- 4) Branford and Ashby cul-de-sacs were selected this year to receive the \$200 allocation for cul-de-sac improvements.
- 5) Officer elections were held. Continuing on as President is Afan Bapacker, as Vice President is Cindy Polakowski, and as Secretary is Suzanne Urbanski. The new Treasurer is Mike Iszak, 9 Adams Lane. Motion to approve by Samir Olabi. Motion seconded by Cathy Carroll. Motion passed unanimously.

Community Events

- 1) Cindy Polakowski discussed the Easter Egg hunt held on March 30. It snowed! But the Easter Bunny showed up and the event was enjoyed by all.

- 2) Cindy Polakowski discussed the EID/Block party which will be held at the end of June, date still TBD. The event will be held on either Branford or Berwyck. Aisha Bapacker is assisting with the coordination. Updates will be forthcoming.

Unfinished Business/open Discussion/Updates

Next General Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2024, at 7 p.m. Location TBD.

Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Afan Bapacker at 8:13 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Roberta Adamson. Seconded by Cathy Carroll. Motion passed.