

**BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019
6:30– 8:00 PM
Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria**

Kevin Thompson, President
Brian Treece, Vice President
Dennis Fazio, Treasurer
JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor
Dave Holets, Area 1
Susan Verrett, Area 2
Chris Etz, Co Rep – Area 4
Joan Michalec, Co Rep – Area 4
Karen Frederickson, Area 2
Jessica Wiley, Area 3
Dennie Juillerat, Area 3

Colleen Dhennin, Area 5
Mark Dhennin, Area 5
Sam Westermann, Area 5
Jay Peterson, Area 6
Jeremy Staffeld, Webmaster
Barry Schade, Area 6
McKenzie Erickson, Area 6
Steve Harvey, Co Rep – Area 7
Arlene Fried, Area 2
Colleen Belmont, Area 3
Bill Zych, Area 3

Guests:

Emma Pachuta, Minneapolis Park Board.

Call to Order and Introductions. Kevin Thompson, BMNA President, called the meeting to order.

With the addition of Emma Pachuta to the Agenda, Kevin Thompson moved to approval of the agenda as modified. Motion carried.

With no additions to Approval of minutes of last month's meeting minutes, Karen Frederickson moved to approve last month's meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion carried.

Minneapolis Park Board Representative Emma Pachuta will act as point person for Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles Master plan, estimated as an 18-24 month project, made up of 17 citizens making for the CAC to make policy and design recommendations. Lake of the Isles to Lake Street, Kenniworth Channel, and Cedar Lake Trail, affecting a portion of the south side of Bryn Mawr.

Vice President Brian Treece moved to appoint Colleen Dhennin as Area 5 Co-Rep and Rod Miller as Area 6 Do-Rep. Seconded. Motion carried.

Jay Peterson moved to appoint Colleen Belmont to the ROC Vacancy Appointment. Seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Wiley, Finance Committee Chair, addressed the board. Based on the findings of the City, and the fact that the Treasurer is a Board Member and the Bookkeeper is a paid contractor, but both roles are being

performed by the same person which creates inherit risk. Kevin Thompson restated the Treasurer's role in the BMNA bylaws.

Jessica Wiley moved to establish that the Treasurer and Bookkeeper/accountant shall be separate individuals. Seconded. There was discussion about a required amendment to the BMNA bylaws. Motion carried.

Dennis Fazio provided the Treasurer's Report with Preliminary 2020 Budget Discussions. After an extensive review of expected revenues and expenses expected in 2020 that were used to create the 2020 budget. Jessica Wiley noted that the included proposed increase in bookkeeping expense to from \$3600 to \$8400 and stated an opposition to that increase. It also included discussions around including some amount of money for local businesses, set at \$7500 in the Preliminary 2020 Budget.

Dennis Fazio made a motion for a continuing resolution to authorize the Treasurer to make payments as necessary until a final budget has been established.

Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Report: Lynda Shaheen as read by Kevin Thompson. Give to the Max generated \$1750 with final proceeds after expenses of \$1675.66. Taste of Anwatin is the 13th, multiple vendors from different cultures. Saturnalia is coming up. Saturnalia is coming, hosted in the Hero Community space, including a Jazz Quartet.

Bugle Editor JoEllyn Jolstad reminded everyone that there is no Bugle in January.

Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld is working on updating the Security Certificate and getting the new hats up on the website. He's excited that the website is now being used for register for Taste of Anwatin registration.

Jessica Wiley reminded everyone that Community Projects suggestions are due December 31st

SWLRT Update from Barry Schade is that he is meeting with some members about the safety of the Bryn Mawr Station.

There is a variance request from 1955 Drew Ave S for being within 40 feet of the top of a slope.

Kevin Thompson spoke with the Minneapolis Park Board and it sounded as if the Park Board will not be cooperative with the request to house the storm water on park land. Kevin also spoke with the Vice Chair of the School Board and that the School Board is probably going to be cooperative.

With nothing further, Kevin Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday January 8, 2019
Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Upcoming Events: Winter Fest (February 2020)

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