

TMTA Minutes: December 8, 2004

Attendance:

Hank Manz (Chair-P9), Andy Friedlich (Treasurer-P5), Gloria Bloom (Clerk-P4)
Pct 9: Vicki Blier, Anne LoRusso, Fred Rosenberg Pct 8: David Horton
Pct 7: Marsha Baker
Pct 6: Alan Lazarus, David Kaufman, Deborah Strod, Sheldon Spector
Pct 5: Sam Silverman, Elaine Dratch
Pct 4: Norm Cohen, Ellen McDonald, Lisa Baci
Pct 3: Arthur Katz, Darwin Adams, Patrick Mehr Pct 2: Alessandro Alessandrini
Pct 1: John Bartenstein School Comm: Olga Guttag
Recreation: Sandy Shaw, Karen Simmons CapExp: Shirley Stolz
LincolnPark Comm: Nell Walker Friends of LincolnPark: Margaret Heitz

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm at the TOB. Pictures were taken for the town report.

Ellen McDonald and Deb Strod reported on the progress of the Communications group. The website was demonstrated. Minutes for School Comm, Planning Board and CapExp Comm are available. The group is cooperating with citizens efforts to have reps at various meetings who can then post unofficial notes. The website will have warrant articles, info on Town Mgr search, agendas, comm. reports as well as records of past town meetings and ways to contact TMMs by e-mail.

It was decided to spend some of the excess TMTA money to upgrade kitchen facilities in Cary Hall. Alan Lazarus moved to appropriate up to \$1400 for new countertop, coffee urns and a microwave. The Chair will negotiate details with Linda Vine. Motion passed unanimously.

Olga Guttag answered questions about the town manager search. The town has hired a consultant to find candidates for the position. He receives all applications, maintains confidentiality, checks references. Only finalists will be publicly interviewed.

Sandy Shaw and Karen Simmons answered questions about Lincoln Field. The wooden fence is to blend with the neighborhood; 172 parking spaces are less than original plan but more than previous facility; Temple Isaiah cooperates to share parking when possible; there are minor drainage problems including a blocked culvert to lower Hayden – DPW is working on it; there was no money left for bathrooms after DEP required methane testing and gas vents, but utility lines are in place for facilities; Little League field was sodded in a cost share arrangement with LL because field was needed ASAP; proper professional maintenance for a grass field is .35/sq. ft - the artificial field is .02/sq.ft; utilization of the field has almost doubled since 2002, to 3530 hours.

Other business: The bus tour needs a chair. The Battle Green report (4/27/01) will be on the web – it deals with needed repairs and renovations. The warrant closes at the end of December. We can begin working on Citizens articles next month. The treasurers report (balance \$3853.52) and the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without correction

Meeting adjourned at 9:07. The next meeting is January 12, 2005
Submitted by Gloria Bloom, Clerk