

**Lordship Improvement Association
Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes October 30, 2024**

Attendees: Hans Drenkard , John Florian , Emily Viner, Jim Warren. Susan Birge, Jane Scofield, Christine Griffin

Called to Order 7:01

Meeting Minutes approved

Treasurer's report

Previous balance	\$30,824.98
Revenue	YTD: \$29,589.34
• Households (232)	\$ 1,434.14
• Calendar	\$ 2,252.90
• Event fee	\$ 500.00
Total Revenue	<u>\$34,512.02</u>

Expenditures

• Aquarion Water	\$ 20.18
• Austin Ganim Landscaping (spraying knotweed)	\$ 575.00
• Clearview Brush Control	\$14,851.00
• Calendar design	\$ 560.00
• Calendar lawn signs	\$ 100.00
• Calendar printing	\$ 1,695.00
• U.S. Postal Service for P.O. Box	\$ 302.00
• Rose Garden	\$ 47.94
• Crown Street Garden	\$ 18.00
• Wayne's Walk Garden	\$ 49.23
• Square	\$ 21.86
Total Disbursements	<u>\$18,240.83</u>
Balance	<u>\$16,271.19</u>

We owe \$10k to M&M for the fence job

Susan will send second mailing letter to Jane for issuing this year

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Communication report

2025 Calendar

- Sales of ads and calendars have exceeded expenses.
- 51 calendars have been sold at events, plus another 30+ at the Lordship Corner Market, Dal Mare Pizza and Breezy Point Auto. Figures are not available yet from Mellow Monkey.
- This is about on par with sales last year. We purchased 200 from Landmark Print (10 have been distributed as comp). More can be ordered if needed in December.

Upcoming Articles

- Lordship trees: will work on this with Kelly Kerrigan
- Daffodils on Bluffs - will work on this with Christine, Karen and Hans
- Gardening and Enviro tips for website - working on this with Christine

Bluffs Cleanup

- Let's do this soon - either as a community event or quick pick up from someone we hire.
 - Let's do it Nov 16. Get signs out. Jane will call Chad to get bags and gloves.

Environment and Education Report

- It looks like knotweed is starting to come back. This will be an ongoing process.
- Was a foliar spray used on the knotweed? What herbicide was used? Should we use black plastic? Susan will call Austin Ganim and advise
- What should be the go forward plan. We cannot pay \$14k for it every year
- Ryan suggested picking species to nurture.
- Milkweed has come back.
- We should walk and talk together (with Christine) to discuss species.
- Jane talked to town engineer about clearing out one of the culverts.

Beautification Report

- Daffodils- Karen will set up a date with Abby, Christine and Hans to firm up plans and start planting daffodils. All hands welcome!
- We will continue planting bulbs on Stratford Road.
- Esplanade Trees- Water bags and cuffs are around base of tree trunks. The mowers continue to be brutal. A huge thank you to all who cared for the Maples we planted in the spring. All doing well and beautiful fall coloring! Town will provide bags for the trees
- Gardens- Thanks to everyone's hard work this summer and fall. It wasn't easy with the weather this year, but the gardens were beautiful!
- Bluffs- I have deadheaded many of my pollinator friendly seed heads which are dried and falling off, (of course leaving some for the winter birds), and spreading them around the bluffs to hopefully spread some of the wealth. Let me know if anyone has an excess to share!
- Susan will feed back to Jaren that bunting on gazebo should be removed and beautification committee award sign removed from Wynes walk. Jane will get it.

Old Business

- CBYD has cleared Mike to dig.
- Town permit – We need to meet with town officials with legal advice.

New Business

- Bluff cleanup – Nov 16 9AM – 11 AM Jane will contact town. Hans will get a-frame signs out.
- A new fence has been installed replacing the damaged one. Susan has talked to the insurance company, and they requested the police report. We have been cut out of the process and M&M is not billing us.
- Sammis Park sign design has been made. It is expected to go in in the next couple of weeks.
- Susan suggested Land Trust signage. We will consider it after the fence is installed
- We should have a Trunk for Halloween next year.

We will have an open meeting Nov 20 getting together Nov 13 at Jane's to prep for the meeting

Meeting adjourned 8:41