

**City of Cambridge**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday July 18, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm via Zoom. In attendance were Mayor Sherry Tyler, Commissioners Brad King, Joe Penny, Gayle Wilhelmi, and attorney Carrie Ritsert. The minutes from the June meeting and the year end budget report were distributed by email prior to the meeting. Brad made a motion to accept the June minutes. Gayle seconded and the motion was passed.

**Old Business:** There has been no progress on ascertaining the company that cleared the end of Miles Rd. for the new development. A sign has been placed at the site about the development and utility flags are up. Sherry has not received an update from Rob Hornung as to whether he has received a response from the developers regarding his concerns about the changes to the drainage plans.

Carrie sent everyone a copy of the encroachment ordinance for Forest Hills prior to the meeting. For our city ordinance the wording pertaining to "other authorized city official" will be struck where it appears. After some discussion the Board settled on a non-refundable permit fee of \$750. A separate deposit amount would be based on a cost estimate of the scope of the restoration work as determined by the Board prior to work beginning. If a permit is denied then there would be no need for a deposit. Carrie will consult with her law partner as to whether the permit fee of \$750 seems excessive and we should adjust the amount.

Our woes with Waste Management continue. Recycling for July 10 was picked up a day late, and yard waste was collected with the trash yesterday. Gayle has been in touch with Rumpke who has offered to submit a bid. She has not received the bid to date. It was reported that Lincolnshire is seeing their fees increase by 30% with Republic. They would like to change providers. A recycling truck stopped at Sherry's house and she was able to direct them to the condos that WM has missed three recycling cycles in a row, and Browns Lane. They did pick up recycling at the condos, but still skipped the houses on Browns Lane.

Sam has worked on the railing at Miles Rd. It was more intricate than first thought, but he has finished repairing and painting the railing.

Sam recommends that the island at the lighted intersection be replaced and the new posts for the Cambridge sign be set in concrete. His recommendation involves creating a wall with landscaping stones that would elevate the plantings and hopefully keep the crabgrass seeds from the surrounding lawn from spreading.

**New Business:** The tax bills were sent out on July 6. They are due 8-1-23. Sherry said that one of the condos was sold and then flipped by that person so there is confusion as to who is responsible for the tax bill. Carrie said whoever's name is on the tax bill from the PVA and owned it on January 1, 2023 is responsible for paying the bill. Otherwise the third person to own the condo should send us a copy of the settlement statement to see if the Cambridge taxes were listed and if they should then pay the amount owed.

The renters at 2908 Cambridge have not left the property even though they were to be out by June 30. On that day the male had an altercation with a neighbor and was observed retrieving a long rifle, setting it up, and using the scope to point directly at the neighbor's door. Police were called and he was eventually escorted to a police car in handcuffs. He was back at the property by the next evening wearing a gun in a holster on his hip. Brad lives next door to this house and says the grass is mowed but the weeds have been allowed to take over at other areas of the lawn. Carrie says the landlord is responsible for their renters. If the house is in violation of our lawn ordinance we should send a notice to the landlord and make him aware of any fines. Gayle said she thinks the ordinance just gives a date by which the property should be in compliance or the City would hire someone to take care of it and the owner would be responsible for reimbursing the City, but we should check our nuisance ordinance to see if a fine is stipulated. We hesitate to send anyone on that property with an unstable occupant. The owner has told Sherry he will start eviction proceedings but that can take 90 days. The neighbor that he threatened did file a police report.

A resident has complained about the occupant at 2901 Westfield Rd. leaving food out for the squirrels which is attracting rats. That occupant, who is the owner's son, also at times goes outside without being clothed and rants loudly. Sherry agreed with the neighbor that they should contact the Health Department to have the property inspected for vermin.

Sherry was asked by a potential buyer if there were any restrictions regarding operating an AirBnb in Cambridge. Carrie says we cannot limit the number of rental homes in Cambridge because it is deemed discriminatory and we would be fined if someone sued the City. Sherry noted that 2911 Westfield just had renters move in and the owner's have not registered the property as a rental. She has sent them a letter about filing as a rental and paying the annual fee. Carrie also advised that we cannot require a landlord to conduct a background check on potential renters. She recommends that if someone intends to operate an AirBnb in Cambridge that we should ask for a copy of their valid Metro Louisville license to do so.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,