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Old Business: Due to a storm in late August we lost the redbud trees at both islands on Westfield, and some branches were broken at other islands. Joe and Sam worked to clear the debris although they were not able to remove the stumps. Sherry paid them \$25/hour for 10 hours of work which equaled \$250 each. We will most likely need to hire a company to remove the stumps. Sherry will price replacement trees and present the information at the next meeting.

All our street signs from Cadillac are starting to rust again. Sam feels that they haven't been coated properly. We have replaced them at least twice especially the ones at Miles and Westfield. Sam did repaint the large sign and replaced the wooden finials at the top of the posts at the intersection of Browns, McMahon, and Lowe. He will check prices for landscaping stones to rebuild that island. It will require a minimum of three stones in height, and the price so far is \$525 for a pallet.

All but two tax bills have been paid. The renters at 2908 Cambridge have moved out peacefully, and the owner has hired someone to clean up the yard.

New Business: The Board at the condos reported that their recycling hasn't been picked up again for several cycles. The previous president of the Board there has passed away so Gayle has new contact information. They are fed up with the issue and requested that recycling service be discontinued at the condos and the carts removed. This was done on Sept. 14.

Will Pippenger lives at 4400 Lowe Rd. at the corner of Cambridge. He has had a survey done that shows the property along Cambridge Road that borders his property belongs to Cambridge. He has been gracious in taking the responsibility to cut the grass along that stretch. There are two locust trees along the fence line that are 60% and 40% on Cambridge property, while the remainder is on his property. In the previously mentioned storm a limb from one of the trees came down on his fence. He feels that he can repair the fence himself, but the trees are not healthy and he would like to take them down and split the cost with Cambridge. In addition, there is a tree near the island that is partially on his property that has a split where there are two main trunks growing. One is threatening his power lines and he would like to remove it at the same time as the other trees. He has the right to trim the part that hangs over his property, but he thinks this would eventually kill the tree so if we would be willing to share the cost they could take that tree down as well. He has not had estimates from tree companies yet, but will proceed and hopes to have estimates in the next couple weeks that he could present to the Board. He would not object to our replacing the locust trees. There was some discussion about the border of Cambridge as Will said his surveyor said that Cambridge started at the end of his property, but we have long noted that 2901 is not in the Cambridge and we do not get a tax bill for it from the PVA. Carrie suggested that Sherry call the PVA to confirm, and she will check out which map is considered to show official boundaries as there are conflicting maps online. The consensus is that the locust trees do need to be removed as they present a danger of falling. Board members will look at the other tree in question, and wait to see the bids on removing the trees.

Carrie sent copies to everyone of the new proposed Encroachment Ordinance. She felt the phrase "other authorized city official" was necessary in places so it was not eliminated entirely. The \$750 amount may be excessive, but we can change it at the next meeting before the final reading. Carrie held the first summary reading of the Encroachment Ordinance. Brad made a motion to approve and Gayle seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Sherry will adjust the budget to reflect the cost of tree and stump removal and the purchase of four new trees.

LG&E did clear out lines behind Cambridge and Westfield properties what were impacted by the storms. Sherry got them to agree to come remove the debris that was piled at the curb. They said they are slated to return in 2024 and do more trimming.

The home at the corner of Browns and McMahon has been parking a car in the middle of the grass. There is no SALE sign on it. Sherry will send them a letter.

Gayle received a bid for Rumpke services that she forwarded to the Board members to review. Their bid was trash once a week for \$17 per household, yard waste every other week at \$6 (or \$8 weekly), and recycling every other week for \$8. The condos would be \$146 twice a week for each dumpster, or \$292. The total cost would add up to be twice what we pay currently for WM which is \$11.58 trash twice a week, \$2.37 recycling, \$2.95 yard waste and \$235.15 for the dumpsters twice a week. Gayle told them that we would have to stay with WM at those prices unless WM increased their costs substantially.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday Oct.17 at 6pm.
Respectfully submitted,

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