



Board Meeting Minutes – May 18, 2011

In attendance: Helmut Hock, John Gill, Irma Baldanza, Valentine Lovekin, Jane Somerville, Wendy Walgate

Regrets: Mike McKelvey, Jennifer Millson, Charles Bunker

- 1) Reading and approval of Minutes of Board meeting held on April 5, 2011
 - a) Minutes to be approved at next meeting
- 2) Nomination for President
 - a) Helmut Hock moved to nominate Jennifer Millson for President and John Gill seconded the motion. The Board resolved to support her if she accepts the Presidency
- 3) Expansion of Traffic & Development Committees
 - a) Discussion of possible new members for these Committees and Jane Somerville and John Gill will follow up
- 4) Finance
 - a) Valentine Lovekin contacted an Auditor and is waiting for a definitive answer as to whether LPRA must file a tax return.
 - b) Irma reported on GIC options for LPRA funds and will invest \$31,350 in a non-redeemable, one year term GIC with the rate of 1.45%
- 5) Traffic
 - a) John Gill is waiting for more information from Councillor Jaye Robinson re proposed meeting with Enbridge
- 6) Section 37 Funds
 - a) Valentine Lovekin discussed these funds with Councillor Jaye Robinson who said not to construe Section 37 too narrowly. He reported that Section 37 funds are allocated early in the development process and FONTRA might have information about upcoming developments. Councillor Jaye Robinson could communicate with their Councillor to gather this information. He also suggested that LPRA advocate with the neighbourhood association west of Yonge Street for the purpose of using joint Section 37 funds for park development. There is significant erosion in the open culvert on the south side of the creek in the park and Section 37 funds could be applied to the major repair expense
- 7) Communications
 - a) Jennifer Millson had previously enquired about General Mailbox emails received on the website. Margaret Robertson circulated these emails to the Board and some members did not receive them. Jane Somerville will send a revised Board list to Margaret Robertson, who will re-circulate the General Mailbox emails
- 8) Development
 - a) Jane Somerville is in the process of recruiting new Committee members and by the AGM, they will decide if a monthly updated list of new house developments, results of OMB and Committee of Adjustment decisions should be published on the LPRA website
 - b) Jane Somerville will forward information from Alex Granzebach on 79 Dawlish to Jennifer Millson for newsletter

- c) Helmut Hock reported that after active neighbourhood participation, the Committee of Adjustment rejected the developer's plans as too oversized for 50 Glengowan and asked that the plans be redesigned. The Committee of Adjustment also commented that using 52 Glengowan as an example for potential plans was faulty since they believed its size should not have been approved
 - d) Helmut Hock reported that the Committee of Adjustment approved plans for 28 Glengowan with reduced coverage and no below-grade garage. Helmut Hock noted that there is no record of changes to plans after approval by the Committee of Adjustment, except in the City Planning department. He suggested that the developer be asked to revise the plans and return to the same C of A panel for final approval by Committee and neighbours
 - e) Helmut Hock reported that 238 St. Leonard's will return to the OMB to approve a below-grade garage. Case was originally approved by OMB, then rejected by the Committee of Adjustment under a new bylaw
 - f) In the North York section of Cheltenham Avenue, new developments have continued for over a year or more and Wendy Walgate inquired if there is a time limitation for building projects and Jane Somerville will investigate
- 9) Parks and Trees
- a) Jane Somerville announced that Nicholas Austin will attend Board meetings on behalf of the Parks and Trees Committee
 - b) Jane Somerville reported that the Committee's mandate is to grow and maintain the canopy of trees and they will work on specific projects that our Board recommends to them
 - c) Jane requested that the P&T Committee provide a map of the City's proposed planting for Fall 2011 so it may be circulated to the Board
 - d) Jane Somerville gave details of the successful Arbour day where 40 trees were planted, mulched and chips were laid on the path. The event was attended by Councillor Jaye Robinson who said one of her priorities was to "get more teeth" into the City's tree bylaws
 - e) Jane Somerville read the City Private Tree Bylaw and the felling of two trees at 22 Rochester was discussed. Valentine Lovekin related information on civil suits by neighbours against the removal of private trees. He suggested that an amendment to the bylaw, where the City recognizes the right of adjoining property owners to sue privately for damage. A court decision against private tree removal might give more credibility to the Private Tree Bylaw
 - f) Below are the salient facts about the Tree Bylaw which Jane Somerville presented:
 1. Anyone owner who wishes to injure or destroy a tree must submit an application on the prescribed form to the General Manager--in LP this person is Mr Harold Moffatt, Supervisor, Urban Forestry, Tree Protection and Plan Review, North District, 416-395-6134
 2. There should be a notice posted for a period of 14 days prior to the removal of said tree.
 3. No person shall injure or damage a tree of a diameter of 30cm (12") or more measured at 1.4 meters above ground level.

4. Any person who contravenes any provision of the by-law is guilty of an offence. Minimum fine is \$500 and max is \$100,000.

5. Link to City of Toronto Private Tree Bylaw: http://www.toronto.ca/trees/private_trees.htm

g) Jane Somerville will investigate the term “heritage tree” used in the Private Tree bylaw

10. New Business

a) Irma Baldanza noted that a neighbour’s house was used twice for movie shoots within a 3 month period. The bylaw states that a house can be used twice during a year. Discussion took place as to whether the bylaw could be changed to once every 6 months, or once per year. It was suggested that Councillor Jaye Robinson be asked to poll residents in her newsletter as to their concerns

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting to be held on Thursday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. at John Gill’s house at 301 Dawlish Avenue.