Prairie Hills Homes Association Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting November 10, 2008

Present: John McMahon, Wesley Piercy, Craig Johns, Cory White, Marsha Bjerkan, Loring Liefer, Colleen Duggan

- 1. Call to order: The president, John McMahon, called all to order at 7 pm.
- 2. Minutes of October, 2008, were approved as written.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Loring Leifer reviewed the budget. The picnic was \$150 over budget for this year. Newspaper mailings were discussed. Loring suggested that Wesley call to find out about 2 charges related to mailings in October. Wesley will follow up on this.
- 4. Leaf Pickup: Wesley reported that the first leaf pickup happened today, November 10. The next pickup will be the week of December 1. All payments go directly to Benjamin Lawn Service.
- 5. 2904 W 71st St-----John McMahon reported that he has spoken with the owner. The owner submitted a rough sketch of a house that would comply with the deed restrictions and said that he would send revised plans but has not done so. The original restrictions for the lot state that the width cannot take up more than 70% of the lot. There is a precedent that everyone who has applied for the 10% variance has been granted one. So, the ownerwould be able to build a house that took up 80% of the lot. If the owner exceeds the width or setbacks, the board would need to get an injunction. Plans submitted must be dated. People who tear down homes and rebuild are not required to get board approval, but the new homes must comply with the deed restrictions attached to their property. The board will review and approve plans when submitted and will encourage those building new homes to submit their plans for review. Prairie Hills residents who want to expand the footprint of their homes MUST SEEK approval. Loring suggested the board members all need to have a basic understanding of the process. Loring will email board members the correct process and review it with the members. The board will approve the process and approve it at the December meeting.
- 6. Neighbor Initiated Issues: John reported that the residents at 7335 Cherokee Dr. noted there is a crosswalk indention near this site however there is no crosswalk designation at this time. Federal transportation guidellines state that a crosswalk cannot have a curve. Councilman Kelly said that there should be no problem with this as long as it meets guidelines. Another resident reported that a resident on Cherokee Dr. has baboo growing in his yard which is becoming very invasive. The concern is that this baboo might migrate to other yards. John recommended that this issue and other similar issues could be addressed in the newsletter.
- 7. Building Review Process: Loring will follow up on the review process.
- 8. Holiday Home Tour: The tour will take place on December 7.
- 9. Neighborhood Lighting Contest: The lighting contest will take place on December 8. A board meeting will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 55 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Duggan, Secretary