

West Salem Business Association

Regular Meeting

August 14, 2024

Meeting called to order at 12:00 Noon by Past President Stephen Cohen. After introductions and an excellent buffet lunch provided by Westview Inn. Keith Molzahn of Olson Solar Energy was introduced and he spoke to the membership about solar options, benefits, and frequently asked questions.

Minutes

Motion by Jim Anderson, seconded by Glen Danielson to approve the minutes of the July regular Board meeting as presented. Motion approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Reports

The treasurer's report for month of July was reviewed, noting the Association has a general bank balance of \$10,826.94. Expenses include noon lunch costs, newsletter, website costs, and ribbon cutting accessories. Motion by Keith Molzahn, seconded by Denise Jones to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion approved by voice vote.

Community Funding Opportunities

Mr. Cohen presented several opportunities for donation funding in the West Salem Community. Mr. Cohen suggested a donation to the West Salem Police Department K9 program in the amount of \$1,500. Discussion was had on whether the canine dog was needed in West Salem, and in the interests of keeping the meeting adjournment on time, a motion was made by David Hundt and seconded by John Reusch to recommending waiting and to table the matter until the next regular meeting. A hand count vote resulted in approval. It was suggested the Police Department attend the next regular meeting in October to discuss the program with the membership

The second opportunity is a donation opportunity at the Caryn Modawell Memorial Dog Park just off Tilson Street extended at Lewis Point Park. Oftentimes the area between the parking lot and the dog park entrance retains water after rains, making it a challenge at times to gain access to the dog park. Mr. Cohen obtained quotes to correct this issue by extending the planned trail over to the dog park gate entrance. He suggested the Association discuss a donation of \$1,500 to this project. Motion by Alex Wagner, seconded by Jacob Zabinski to donate \$1,500 to the trail entrance to the Caryn Modawell Memorial Dog Park. Motion unanimously approved.

The last proposal was to donate funding to a future rain garden at Lewis Point Park where water diverted from the new trail will benefit new growth at a rain garden. Motion by Alex Wagner, seconded by Jacob Zabinski to donate \$1,500 to the Lewis Point Rain Garden Project. Motion unanimously approved.

Annual Golf Outing

The annual golf outing is September 11, 2024, at Fox Hollow. Please forward golf registrations, dinner payments, and hole sponsorships as soon as possible to Attorney Pete Ames.

The next meeting will be at Westview Inn at Noon on October 9. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Teresa L. DeLong, Secretary/Director