

Solomon Welles House Committee
Minutes – Tuesday, June 11, 2013

Mary Mahar, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Members present were Carolyn Bedula, Nancy Doyle, Gretchen Kelly, Harry Lichtenbaum, Marilyn McPhee and Kathy Bagley, Director, Parks and Recreation Department.

A. Minutes of April 9, 2013.

A motion was made by Carolyn Bedula and seconded by Harry Lichtenbaum to accept the minutes.

B. The Farmer's Market attracted about 1,000 people to the grounds.

C. The caretaker, Doug Maliszewski, reported that the front porch railings are to be replaced. He will check to see what is needed. The windows have been washed and all needed paper goods have been purchased. A leak in the foyer has been addressed. Some needed painting will be done in August.

He suggested replacing our present bulbs with those that can reduce the electric bill by one third. He is also checking into the purchase of a rodent proof trash can.

Carpets will be cleaned in August when the Farmer's Market ends. The kitchen floor and the dry rot on the porch are always an issue. A question arose about replacing or removing the torn attic shades.

D. A budget of \$35,000 allows replacement of exterior rotted wood, as well as repairs to the porch floor. Liability considerations exist when deciding on repairs.

E. Rentals for June ran about normal.

F. An extensive discussion followed about how a new Face Book page could be created that would clarify how the house can be used by residents for rentals. Parks and Recreation advertises the information, but more could be done, particularly at the Farmer's Market.

H. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Doyle