

The Conservancy Initiative  
50826 Northstar Way  
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MEETING MINUTES – Board of Directors meeting

Dec. 1, 2017

Tracey Birkenhauer called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. at the corporate office. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

**Present:** Tracey Birkenhauer, Dr. Jason Domina, Richard Miller, Rajesh Mummineni

**Absent:** Krystian Lagowski

**Others present:** Kathleen Sharif

Location: Corporate office

**MOTION** by Mummineni to approve the current meeting agenda. Seconded and passed without dissent.

**MOTION** by Domina to approve the Jan. 19, 2017 meeting minutes. Seconded and passed without dissent.

Birkenhauer shared information about an upcoming fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings in Novi. Board members agreed to attend.

Birkenhauer shared information about the 100 Women Who Care donation. She explained that the giving circle insisted she inform them how the nonprofit plans to spend the money. The last time the nonprofit was nominated and she presented, she said the funds would be for attorney consultation and that was not successful. This time, she said the funds would be used to develop an odor reporting system. It will have a web interface.

The board agreed it would be ideal to have our own odor reporting system so we don't need to depend on the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality or Arbor Hills Landfill to accept and document every odor complaint. Also, our nonprofit will have access to the data to build reports that we can share with the community, elected officials and environmental agencies.

**MOTION** by Mummineni to approve the development of the odor reporting system. Seconded and passed without dissent.

The board discussed the need to increase efforts to educate the community that unplanned visits by Arbor Hills Landfill employees are intended to intimidate and they should not be doing this. These home visits have resulted in many neighbors no longer reporting complaints out of fear and intimidation.



The board discussed the upcoming board election. Domina, Miller and Lagowski will not seek reelection while Mummineni and Birkenhauer will. Miller suggested the bylaws change so board terms can be staggered.

The board discussed the budget and related challenges. Mummineni mentioned that he submitted information for a GM program that will donate \$500 to the nonprofit.

#### Adjournment

Motion by Birkenhauer to adjourn the meeting. Seconded and passed without dissent. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Birkenhauer.