

**MINUTES (Abbreviated) Acorn Foundation Committee Meeting**  
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**Thursday, April 25, 2013**  
**Mahany/Meininger Community Center – 3500 Marais, Royal Oak**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Terry O'Rourke, Barry Shuman, Helen Cost, Alex Fike, Rob Winter,  
Dominic Mirabella, Tom McGannon, Frank Houston, Jim Rasor, Andrea  
Makar

STAFF: Paige Gembariski

**Approval of Minutes** Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. Minutes of 11/29/12 approved as read.

**City Commission Comments** na

**Public Comment** na

**Old Business**

1) 501(c) 3 – Alex, Helen, Andrea and Stewart attended a state licensing seminar today. Alex informed the rest of board that to get a 501(c)3 will take approximately 4 months. What needs to happen first is file as a non-profit with the state than as a 501(c)3. The board will need to have articles of incorporation which are different from by-laws. Will have to have a name and foundation can not be part of it. It was suggested to use ROOTS 2.0. Stewart will be getting with Dave Gillman to investigate what State Home Rule Act is. It's recommended to get with other groups that are similar to us. To go on the web and search them out. There has to be an assumed name and official name. There has to be 3 Directors and 3 Officers member can duplicate positions. The individuals who will be working on the articles of incorporation will be Helen, Tom, Jim, Alex, Andrea, Frank and Barry.

2) Review of the attached bylaws – Tabled.

3) Discussion on 501(3)c board members – Tabled.

**New Business**

1. Leadership elections – Tom McGannon will be President and Andrea Makar will be Vice-President. All in favor yes.

2. Park Clean Up - Motion was made to give Recreation Department \$1,500 from ROOTS funds to help purchase trees for a couple of the parks. All in favor yes.

**Adjournment** 8:03 pm.

**NEXT MEETING** Thursday, May 23, 2013 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paige Gembariski  
Coordinator of Senior Citizen Activities  
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