

Archdale Civic Association Special Board Meeting
Minutes for 24-Aug-06 Meeting

We met in the ARFD meeting room. The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President – Norman McDonald at 7:01.

Attendees: Norman McDonald, Carl Hoge, Ted Hucks, Jackie O’Riley, Joe Wagner.

Topic: Grounds Maintenance Contract

Carl mentioned that there were not enough members in attendance to vote for this contract. With that being said Norman continued.

Norman began the presentation of the 3 bids for Archdale grounds mowing and upkeep. All three of the bidding companies, were shown the same areas to mow (using the same map) and had similar guidelines.

The three bids were reviewed in the following order; Lightning Grounds Maintenance, Beilstein Lawn Care and Fresh Cut Lawn Care.

Lightning Grounds Maintenance 32 mowings for \$22,620/yr for similar service
(incumbent)

Beilstein Lawn Care 40 mowings for \$20,700/yr for similar service
(established company)

Fresh Cut Lawn Care 40 mowings for \$20,400/yr for similar service
(startup company)

Discussion ensued:

- Norman investigated each bidder learning that each had a Workman’s Comp bond letter & insurance coverage.
- Carl asked if any other subdivisions had been asked who they used. None as per Norman.
- Jackie expressed some apprehension as to going with a “startup-up” company.
- A feature of the Beilstein Lawn Care contract was noted. Beilstein Lawn Care would pro-rate any monthly bill for any missed cuttings in that month.
- Carl is concerned that we will be contracting for more money than we will collect.
- Jackie confirmed that given the current financial position and assuming a similar collection rate next year, we would be able to afford either one of the lower bids.

After much discussion and all things being considered; Carl made the motion to accept the Beilstein Lawn Care bid, seconded by Jackie. All in attendance voted to accept the bid. Citing quorum concerns Kris Herold was telephoned by Jackie. She voted to accept the bid. Norman will inform the companies of the decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04
Submitted by Joe Wagner