

Jordan Enderle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Attendees: Jordan Enderle president, John Morrissey Treasurer, Anne Pamperl Secretary, Roxane Leggott, Mike Von Busch, Lonnie Wells  
Member Attendees: Jim Lane, Cathy Kindler

**Secretary's Report:** Anne reported the February 2026 meeting minutes were approved via email by 6 Board members prior to the meeting; one Board member did not vote. The minutes were posted on the BENA web site after approval, and a copy of the minutes was available at the March meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bills reported at the meeting were:

Lincoln Electric System	\$44.51 (light by the basketball court)
Grafton and Associates	\$528 (bookkeeping and postage for 1st dues notice mailing)
Zelle Refund of 2026 Dues	\$103 (BENA member accidentally paid twice)

John will check on the Property Services bill. BENA received 2 dues checks in the mail, which John will deposit later this week. He reported the bank balance as of close of business 17 March 2026 was \$58,174.29. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded, and passed unanimously.

**Spring Cleanup:** The cleanup will start at 10 a.m. and participants will meet where the Commons crosses Boston Drive. The objectives of the cleanup are to pick up litter, remove the post that is in the way of the mowers in the northern part of the commons (behind Valley Forge), clean dead weeds out of the playground, rake gravel in playground to even the distribution, and pickup and remove fallen limbs. A decision will be made on the location of the Easter egg hunt and participants will make sure this area looks nice. John will bring his pickup and trailer and can also provide a riding lawn mower and trailer if that is needed, too.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The hunt will have 3 age groups -- 0 to 2, 3 to 6, and 7 to 11 years of age. Roxane reported that all of the eggs are filled with candy or prize slips. She has 1,180 eggs per group for each of the 2 older age groups. For the youngest group she has 200 ducks and 455 filled eggs. Another 240 eggs were filled by a volunteer and can be added to this latter age group. Prizes that will be given away include 2 Radio Flier scooters for the 7 to 11 group, 2 3-wheeled Radio Flier scooters to the 3 to 6 group, and a Radio Flier wagon and probably 2 stuffed animals to the 0 to 2 group. Roxane will be using the \$25 gift certificate donated by Hy Vee to obtain the stuffed animals. Roxane will be going to Home Depot before the hunt to look for more prizes that will be obtained with the \$50 gift certificate that was donated to BENA. Amaizin' Popcorn will be donating popcorn balls, which she will pick up shortly before the hunt. In addition to the 3 business donations, Roxane reported Cheryl Wells donated eggs stuffed with candy and 3 anonymous BENA members donated money for candy. The latter donations were sufficient to completely cover the cost of candy. After Easter, Roxane will look for sales of plastic eggs to replace those that are not in good shape. Roxane presented a receipt for \$174.97 for the Easter egg hunt prizes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to reimburse Roxane.

Jordan reported the Easter egg hunt cards, which will be delivered to members' homes, shipped on 17 March and should be here in 2 to 3 days. The cost of cards and shipping is \$116.71. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to reimburse Jordan.

Mike will put a post on the BENA residents FaceBook page asking for volunteers to help set up and supervise the hunt. John said one of his daughters will help.

John will purchase the spray paint needed to mark the 3 sections where the age groups will hunt for eggs. Roxane or John will pick up D batteries for the bullhorn.

**Annual Meeting:** Anne reserved Room 1 at Eiseley Library for the annual meeting on 19 May. The room will be available for set up at 5:30 p.m and has a capacity of about 70 people. The meeting will run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. A simple meeting announcement including ballot will need to be mailed to all members that are current on dues. The Board discussed probable topics for the annual meeting. The 2026 budget will be a topic. Attendees will be asked to provide their opinion on raising dues later this year, and Board members and attendees will talk about how to use the dues increase beyond the rising maintenance costs; for example, more picnic tables, new trees, playground upgrades. The 4th of July parade and block party will be discussed and attendees will be able to suggest activities for the event. The Board will look into what is required to block off part of Boston Drive for the block party.

**Commons Obstructions:** Jordan was contacted by the former owner of one of the houses with fencing on Commons property. He does not own the house as of the end of January 2026 and provided the name of the current owner. Jordan will send a letter to the current owner. The owner of the house with the shed, fencing, retaining wall, and underground sprinklers that are partially on BENA's Commons reached out to ask about buying that section of the Commons. He was invited to come to a Board meeting to formally make that request but so far has not attended any 2026 meetings. In order to purchase the property, at a minimum he would have to get 70% of the BENA members to approve the purchase. Other legal requirements may be discovered if he wants to proceed with this.

Before the Board meeting, John went by and talked to the resident who hung a swing from a tree in the Commons. John explained the liability issues plus it's an obstruction for the mowers later this year. The resident said he would remove the swing.

**Other Business:**

Lonnie asked if it would be possible to post lost pets on BENA's FaceBook page. Everyone at the meeting thought that was okay.

Mike learned a physical address is required to have a mail box. Each of the outlots that make up the Commons have an address so he wondered if BENA could get a box in one of the cluster mail boxes in the newer part of the neighborhood. He offered to investigate this if the Board was interested. The Board is interested because if this is possible, it would save the cost of a post office box.

Lonnie reported a few trailers and campers parked in driveways are being used to store junk or belongings and in one instance someone may have been living in a camper for a while. Board members told him to check to see if the registrations are up-to-date. If not, contact Parking Enforcement and it will deal with the trailers and campers.

Mike stated the by-laws can be amended as per Article XIII, Section 1 of the by-laws and made suggestions for which parts need to be changed. Article III, Section 4 sets the quorum requirement for amending the by-laws at a regular or special meeting. Mike suggested considering door hangers rather than a mailing to present the changes, the reasons for the changes, and a ballot for voting. He'll provide more detailed information at the next meeting. Other Board members were encouraged to review the by-laws and propose changes, too. In response to a question about the declarations, Mike and Anne both stated those cannot be amended in this manner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.