

10/3/2018 Annual Homeowners Association Meeting

Attendees:

Lot 1: Jerry & LaDonna Minnich

Lot 2: Jim Wolf (board member)

Lot 4: Mary Jo Clem

Lot 5: Robert & Mary Young

Lot 7: Craig & Michelle Good

Lot 8: Spud & Susan Goff

Lot 9 & 10: Mary McClain

Lot 13: Bob Bohlender

Lot 15: David & Carol Bjork

Lot 16: Herm & Molly Abbott

Lot 17: Scott & Valerie Armstrong (Scott – president of HOA)

Lot 19: Tim Speer (board member & Architectural committee)

Lot 23: Mark & Judy Walker (Mark – board member; Judy – Treasurer)

Lot 26: Bryan & Angie Grogg

Lot 29: Ryan Clem (Secretary & Architectural committee)

Lot 31: Donald & Shari Frisby

Lot 32: Jon & Deborah Lane (Jon – board member)

Lot 25: Tim & Cheryl Heinen (Cheryl – board member & Architectural committee)

- Ryan Clem reviewed the past HOA meeting notes
- **Treasurer Report:** all homeowners present received a copy of the treasurer report (see attached report). There were a few bills paid after the 8/31/2018 date on the report.
- **Association Dues:** All dues have been paid. There are a few checks that were deposited in the bank after 8/31/2018 (date of Treasurer report).
- **DLE Website:** want to make sure all homeowners are aware of our website. www.dlehoa.com. We will get better at posting meeting notes on the site. Will also post when Board Meetings are held. Don't forget to occasionally look on the website for announcements, etc.
- **Front Entrance & Common Area:** we improved the look of the front entrance by planting perennials and replacing the mulch with rock. We also hired Holbrook to mow & weed eat the front entrance and front ditches at a cost of \$60 per time they mow.
- **Pond Fountains:**
 - Fountains are fed by well. Cut down cost of electric bill by putting a timer on fountains to run for a specific time of day.
 - Auburn Essentials did bury a pipe by Ryan Clem's property so that we're ready if we change to more efficient / better fountains.
 - Will be winterizing fountains at the end of October.
- **Pond Maintenance:**
 - Mark & Ryan have done maintenance to the pond the past two years. Proposal to hire Pond Champs to control weeds/cattails/add colorant as the weeds/cattails are just too much for members of the board to maintain. Cost of the Silver program (treat every 14-18 days during season) at a cost of approx. \$3,500 for the year.

- Vote was taken, and the motion was approved by 15 out of the 18 lots present at the meeting.
- Suggestion that we hire up to 10 students to remove the remaining cattails, so that they don't seed and regrow next season. We will get some cattail growth, but not to the extent we saw this year. Approval was reached that we would pay \$50 per student (up to 10 students) to come and remove the cattails.
- **Pond Access:**
 - Proposal to allow access to Ponds by all DLE homeowners via a common area on the south side of Pond A.
 - Vote was taken, and the motion was approved by 12 out of the 18 lots present at the meeting.
- **Geese:**
 - Discussion about how to keep geese out of ponds. Suggestion was to oil the eggs, so that they will not hatch. It was mentioned that we will need to get a license from the DNR before we can do anything to the geese eggs. And, it can be difficult to find the nests.
 - Here is a link to in.gov which discusses geese control and oiling the eggs: https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/egg_destruction_brochure.pdf. This also has a link for the proper permit.
 - We also urge pond lot homeowners to be proactive and look for eggs or nests in the spring.
- **Light Poles on each lot:**
 - Covenants currently state that all homes are to have a dusk to dawn light in their front yard (covenant section 6.12). There are several homes without a light post/pole. It was proposed that we have a 2-year phase in to allow homeowners the time to add a light post/pole. Vote was taken, and the motion was approved by 12 out of the 18 lots present at the meeting.
- **Decorative Street Signs:**
 - Board has been working with DOT about us replacing current street signs with a decorative street sign. We received approval from the DOT to replace the current street signs with a more decorative sign, if we incorporate the green signs. Board found a street sign that will meet the DOT requirements. There would be 4 signs replaced at a cost of \$2,500. It would require that we hire the labor to install the signs as the DOT will not install or maintain. We decided to keep this on our agenda and discuss as a future project.
- **Outbuildings:**
 - Concern that there are outbuildings that are not cohesive with the main house. Tamara with Ultimate Development maintain some architectural control (until the last house was built), so we are aware that she approved some outbuildings that may not meet what is in the covenants. Now that the last house is built, the architectural committee will have control.
- **Future Development outside of DLE:**
 - Questions arose about the new development that will be going in to the East and South of the DLE development. Henney Builders is the developer. As we understand it today, there will be villas behind lot 35 and 34 and then acre lots for homes in the remaining development.
 - County may try to require two entrances for emergency vehicles. However, Henney does not have plans to connect roads to DLE and will be putting in their own front entrance. We may see a petition in the future to stop the County from requiring that our development and Henney's development have connecting roads for emergency vehicles.

- There was a thought brought up that if we put a wide walk-way bridge over the creek on the south side of our development with yellow poles in the middles (to avoid car traffic), it would allow access to both developments for walking, riding bikes.
- More to follow as the new development gets closer to beginning their build.
- **Library Book Stand:**
 - Because we are in Jackson Township, we as residents must pay to have a library card to the public library. Molly Abbott is going to place a wooden library box in her front yard for all of the neighborhoods use. There will be books that you can borrow and return. If you have books you want to donate, please contact Molly Abbott (Lot 16).
- **Neighborhood Cook-out:**
 - Question came up about having another cook-out. May be too late this year. Will discuss for next year. If we have interest in a cook-out this year, please let the board know.
- **Project Priority List:**
 - #1: Update of covenants and restrictions / by-laws / deeds to reflect all proper information – including northeast pond.
 - #2: Pond Maintenance
 - #3: Common area mowing
 - #4: Decorative Street Signs
- **Board Member Vote:**
 - Jim Wolf is stepping down from the Board. We thank Jim for his years of service on the board.
 - Jeff Barkaus is stepping down from the Board as he sold his home and will be moving out of the development. We thank Jeff for his years of service on the board.
 - Bob Bohlender is stepping down from the Board. We thank Bob for his years of service on the board.
 - We asked for volunteers to join the board. Mary Young was voted into the board (14 out of 18 lots present approved). Welcome Mary.