



The Arboretum News

February 2008

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February Board Meeting Minutes

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held February 12, 2008 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order. Directors Bob Ahlers and Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Jo Hitchuk. Directors Jay Ervin and Joe O'Donnell were absent. The minutes of the January 8, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Tom Kehoe reported that the operating fund balance as of January 31 was \$28,435. Outstanding construction deposits total \$6,000. The long-range fund balance is \$58,600. Included in that amount is \$17,500 for Pinehurst Drive and \$10,000 for tennis courts. Expenses included purchase of propane, which has risen in the last year from \$1.66/gal to \$2.44/gal, printing costs for the Red Book (\$303) and pool and spa repair (\$306 and \$75, respectively). Long-range expenses included the pool room heater (\$1,356), and installation of a new light above the pool room shower (\$159).

As of today, 22 residents have not paid their dues. The last day to pay without penalty is Friday,

Upcoming Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Arboretum Clubhouse at 7:00PM. All Arboretum Community Association members are encouraged to come and make your voice heard.

- March: Tuesday, March 11th
- April: Tuesday, April 8th
- May: Tuesday, May 8th

Committee Reports

- **Landscape** – Jim Czekalski had no current updates. In the next month or so, he will send an email to residents to survey their interest in ordering and purchasing pine straw from the landscapers. He will include approximate costs -- roughly \$4.75 a bale to purchase with delivery to the curb, and \$7.00 to deliver and spread.
- **Caswell Sewer Service** - Howard Newett and John Wall were absent. Howard asked Bob Hittinger to convey that a pump will be replaced at the lift station on Mimosa; and that as a result of last Monday's sewer meeting, an attorney will be retained to represent the three groups.
- **Buildings and Grounds** – Joe O'Donnell was absent. Bob Hittinger stated that two lighting problems had been reported to BMEC, one of which was by the flagpole.
- **Social** – Judy O'Donnell was absent. Anh Baginski stated that the Social Committee had their first meeting of 2008, and results of last year's survey were used to plan this year's events. The first event will be this Saturday, a Taste of Italy. On March 16, there will be a wine and hors d'oeuvres meet-your-neighbor reception. Those attending will be asked to bring appetizers to share. Tentatively set for April 19 is the Flea Market and Bake Sale. Please save any items you may be able to donate until then.
- **Pool/Spa** – Pat Wells stated that everything has been working very well, including the new brominator.

A problem repeatedly occurring is dirty band aids left in the pool area. Their presence is

a violation of County sanitation rules, and could result in a fine or closure of the pool. Please dispose of these items properly.

The new heater is working efficiently.

- **Caswell Beach Liaison** - Jim Hinkhouse reported that the next Town meeting is Thursday, February 14 at Town Hall. There will be a presentation by Communities in Schools, Brunswick County Incorporated. It may tie in with a proposed resolution to support the Brunswick County Event Center.

Another item is a proposed amendment concerning private beach clubs which was published in the paper. It is the recommendation of the Planning Board to disallow any private beach clubs.

There is also a scheduled public hearing regarding zoning, as well a resolution to submit the new height restrictions as a local bill to the NC legislature.

- **Architectural Review Board** – Jerry Johnson was absent. Bob Hittinger stated that Jerry has recently identified and okayed the removal of several dead trees at the Walls and Oldhams.
- **Clubhouse Reservations** – Bo Plant stated that there are no Clubhouse reservations for the month of February. She said an email was recently sent to residents announcing the Friday, April 25, block party by the bridge. It will be a wonderful event with dancing in the streets. Mark your calendars!
- **Clubhouse Manager** – Pat Wells reported that there is an area of carpet in the back hall that cannot be cleaned by a cleaner because chlorine has bleached it. Options are being considered.

Please, once again, turn off lights when you leave the clubhouse. Also, parents, please

check bathrooms when you leave and make sure children have flushed the toilets.

Two beautiful new flagpoles have been installed outside the Clubhouse. Hopefully, this will eliminate the tangling of flags we have had in the past.

New Business

- Bob Ahlers stated that there seems to be an increase in dog waste in the community and especially on the beach in the Ocean Greens area. It is a violation of the Town Ordinance not to pick up after your dogs, as follows:

§ 91.08 RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL WASTE.

“Any person owning, keeping, possessing or harboring any dog shall carry adequate materials to promptly remove and dispose of all feces left by the dog on any public property and on any private property not owned or lawfully occupied by the person within the town and shall promptly remove the feces left by the dog to a location off public or private property or into an appropriate waste receptacle.”

If you see anyone on the beach who is not picking up after their dog, it would be good to thing to mention to them that there are bags at each of the beach accesses and that not picking up after their dogs ruins it for all of us.

Public Comment, Q’s and A’s

- Mary Bausch questioned the wisdom of laying sod in the community which needs to be watered when we are in a state of severe drought. Jim Czekalski will find out the minimum amount of water necessary for watering plantings in the community. Barbara Domen asked that an email be sent advising residents of his findings.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.
Minutes by Jo Hitchuk, Secretary

Next regular meeting Tuesday, March 11, 2008



A TASTE OF ITALY

Good Food & good company!

Thanks to everyone who worked to make
the evening a success!



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












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