



The Arboretum News

June 2009

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June Board Meeting

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held June 9, 2009 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order. Directors Jim Czekalski and Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Jo Hitchuk. Directors Toby Bronstein and Joe O'Donnell were absent. The minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Tom Kehoe reported balances for the end of May as follow: Operating fund, \$30,325; and long-range fund, \$81,996. Expenses included \$500 to have the decks power-washed, \$270 for landscaping on the kayak path; and \$865 for various bedding plants and roses and sod replacement.

There were no long-range expenses.

We currently have four outstanding assessments totaling \$4,320. One is a foreclosure, and the bank has been provided with up-to-date information on the amount owed. Liens are being placed on

two, and the fourth is small amount, for a sewer assessment.

Propane consumption is great now – year-to-date usage is down 12 percent, which amounts to about 370 gallons. The price is still holding steady at \$1.80/gallon.

The new assessments will be in the mail during the first week of July.

Committee Reports

- **Landscape** – Jim Czekalski stated that in addition to the kayak path being cleaned up and mulch added, tree stumps were cut down to lessen trip hazards. Everyone agreed that the path looks great.

Also, flowers were added in the front, along with 16 knock-out roses. All summer bedding plants are in.

Drip irrigation lines have been put in the center island and on the clubhouse side of the street to make sure the water goes where it's intended and reduce consumption.

Otherwise, the rest of the summer will be business as usual.

- **Caswell Sewer Service** - Howard Newett was absent. Jerry Johnson stated that the Arboretum Board has added Len Leal to the group as a consultant to make sure that we stay on the straight and narrow. There was minor glitch with some of the readings and that has been corrected.

We have given the Town the official number requested and are still waiting for a response. The Town attorney has responded to the CSS

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.

- July: **Remember no July Meeting!**
- August: Tuesday, August 11th
- September: Tuesday, September 8th

attorney stating that because of the Town's involvement in the acquisition of stimulus money, they wouldn't have time to reply before July.

The next CSS meeting will be in August.

- **Buildings and Grounds** – Joe O'Donnell was absent. Bob stated that Joe will be returning this week. In his absence, Shirley has been working hard to get estimates from contractors for bridge repairs. When all the information is gathered, the Board will meet to decide a course of action. Bob said all residents will be kept informed of what will be happening before any work starts.

If you have any lighting concerns, please send Joe an email and he will contact the electric company.

- **Social** – Bo stated that the Mexican party was a great success. There were 36 attendees, the food was wonderful, kids broke a piñata, and everyone had a lot of fun. If bugs had stayed away, the party would have lasted a lot longer!

Lillian said there will be a golf cart parade on July 3 followed by a hot dog luncheon. Donations of brownies would be appreciated. More information will be supplied as the date approaches.

- **Pool/Spa** – Pat Wells stated the pool is still down. There had been a problem with the impeller area of the pump, and when it was taken apart it was found that the reservoir was full of sand grit and seashells. As long as people continue to come here from the beach and don't rinse off before getting in the pool, we will continue to have problems. This will not be a cheap repair.

It was discovered that because of the problem with the grit, the motor has been affected and the bearings were warped. When parts arrive

the motor will be reassembled by the plumber and electrician. Then it will take at least 24 hours to get the chemicals back in balance. Presently the water temperature is 74°, so increasing it by 11 degrees will take a while.

As soon as we know things are safe, residents will be notified by email.

The windows are now open in the pool room because the fan is turned off, so please do not close the windows. They need to stay open to help control the humidity.

Also a new filter has been put on the spa. The old filter had been cleaned several times and the time had come to replace it. Now the water looks beautiful and clear.

We're still looking for a volunteer to help with the running and care of the pool. Bill Loyd's license expires in November and we need a third person. If there are no volunteers, we'll probably have to hire someone.

When you come from the beach to the pool, please rinse your feet and suit before getting in the water.

- **Caswell Beach Liaison** - Jim Hinkhouse stated that the next regular meeting of the Town Council is Thursday, June 11. The meeting will open with a hearing on the proposed budget. Attendees will have three minutes to state likes and dislikes. There will be discussion of a 2-cent millage rate cut. Discussions will also include sidewalks and Tiny Piney water creek testing. New business will include tiered water rates, the golf cart ordinance, adopt-a-walkway program, and holes and canopys on the beach.
- **Architectural Review Board** – Mike Gould stated that the ARB is looking at plans to extend a bathroom in a home, and at a couple of tree matters.

- **Clubhouse Reservations** – Bo Plant said that we have no paid reservations for June.
- **Clubhouse Manager** – Pat Wells reported that Clegg's will be doing their quarterly pest control soon.

This morning mosquito spraying started. Hopefully the spraying will take place weekly.

Please remember to turn lights out in the Clubhouse when you leave.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

New Business

- Bob stated new candidates are being sought to run for the 2010-2012 term. There are two openings. If anyone is interested, please call him.

Public Comment – Q's and A's

- Russ Barlow said interest had been expressed for a shower in the area of the golf cart parking area near the Pinehurst access. It would be on property owned by Caswell Plantation. Russ has informally talked to some of the involved parties. Bob said the subject will be further researched.
- Frank Bausch asked for an update on tennis court repairs. Bob said the matter will be looked into, and something will be done.
- Bob Ahlers stated that the Town should know by the middle of July whether stimulus money will be awarded.











Note: There will be no July meeting.

The next regular meeting is Tuesday, August 11, at 7 pm at the Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Minutes by Jo Hitchuk, Secretary

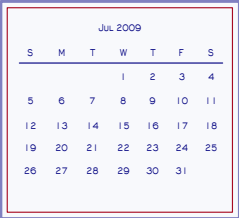




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