

The Arboretum News

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December Board Meeting

The regular board meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was held December 8, 2009 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Mike Gould called the meeting to order. Directors Jim Czekalski, Bob Hittinger, and Shirley McGraw were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Sarah Williams. Toby Bronstein was absent.

The minutes of the November 10th meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer Tom Kehoe reported one outstanding assessment. The balances for the end of November were as follows:

Operating fund: \$43,385

Long Range Reserves: \$88.947.02

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.

* January: Tuesday, January 12th

* February: Tuesday, February 9th

* March: Tuesday, March 9th

Insurance cost was noted: Due to Jay Ervin's arrangement with the insurers, this cost is under budget. The entire group expressed its gratitude for Ervin's diligence in this matter.

Committee Reports

• Landscape (Jim Czekalski): Planning with the Green Man will result in:

Converting parts of the watering system to drip system in an attempt to save water

Planting additional flowers at the entrance

Removing dying plants

Trimming and pruning

Replenishing pine straw in December

• CSS (Howard Newitt): Generator does not work automatically.

A new one will cost \$11,000-12,000.

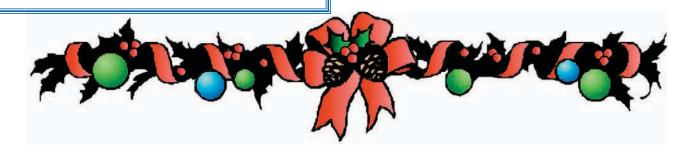
Renting will cost \$1100 per month.

Town sewer negotiations: a counter proposal has been presented to the Town.

Building and Grounds (Bob Ahlers)

Expressed gratitude to Joe O'Donnell for his diligent work on this committee in the past.

New volunteers are Jim Plant and Jack Cowling.



Assessment of problem areas (to be delayed until Spring):

Root removal

Power washing of road signs

Residents are asked to report any lights not working by number, and he will report to BEMC for replacements.

Social (Plant/Walsh):

New co-chairs: Bo Plant and Karen Walsh

Christmas Party to be held December 13 at 6:30 (56 guests to attend)

Pool/Spa (Wells):

Increased propane usage because of colder weather

New light fixtures to be installed and remasting accomplished after Christmas

• Caswell Beach Liaison (Hinkhouse):

Town Council meeting Thursday at 5:00 at which time Mardy Harti will be inducted and Frank Bausch's service to be recognized as he leaves the Council.

Sewer plans are moving along.

Architectural Review Board (Jay Ervin):

Notice of a new house to be built on Lot #18 by Becky and Bob Clark (builder - Curtis Skipper).

Clubhouse Reservations (Bo Plant)

One (\$50.00) for December

Clubhouse Manager (Rick Walsh)

Termite inspection has been accomplished

• Security (Bob Hittinger):

No problems with security since the cameras have been installed.

Old Business:

Gould plans to meet with the all the homeowners associations' presidents to discuss the sewage plant land dispute.

New Business:

Bridge update (McGraw):

Builders are being contacted to meet with Board.

Bridge will be inspected prior to beginning any construction and then inspected regularly by Pyramid Engineering

Ahlers suggested that pergola needs work. McGraw hopes to "bargain" with the contractor to accomplish this. If the cost is prohibitive, Ahlers offered that the Buildings and Grounds Committee could take this over if ACA would furnish the materials.

Other:

Caswell Plantation (Russell Barlowe) The annual meeting was held December 1 at Caswell Dunes Clubhouse with all board members present. The same officers were reelected:

Russ Barlowe, President (Arboretum)

Debbie Sterowiaz, Vice President (Caswell Dunes)

Al Bowman, Secretary (Oceangreens, Condominiums)

Jack Hemingway, Treasurer (Oceangreens Homeowners)

Ahlers reported that Loving Company has been approved to contract the sewer and will begin in January.

Kehoe requested that all bills be turned in before the end of the year.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes by Sarah Williams, Secretary



December 3rd Special Meeting on the Arboretum Bridge

A special meeting of the Arboretum Community Association was convened on December 3, 2009 at the Arboretum Clubhouse. President Michael Gould called the meeting to order. Directors Toby Bronstein, Jim Czekalski, Bob Hittinger, and Shirley McGraw were present as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe.

Mike Gould opened the meeting with a review of the process by which the Board had approached the problem of an unsafe bridge at the entrance to the community. The Board decided to notify the residents of the process and facts and to invite public comment from the membership. At this point Gould turned the meeting over to Shirley McGraw.

McGraw proceeded to give an overview of the process. The superstructure of the bridge has been deemed unsafe and unsound. After extensive input from the Board, Glenn Willis has designed a near duplicate of the former superstructure at the Board's numerous suggestions and input.

The structure has been simplified somewhat from the original bridge in an attempt to reduce the cost of replacement. (Drawings of this design had been made available at the clubhouse for all to see.)

The Board has received bids from four contractors; however, there are options pending which means that the bids are not entirely complete and will require further investigations with the contractors involved. The bids vary from approximately \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Discussion followed McGraw's layout of the process.

Len Leal suggested that costs could be less if the wood in the structure were reduced. He asked that the Board get estimates based on this reduction.

Several members stated that they desired a bridge very close in appearance to the original. Some suggested that limiting the wood might result in a less desirable product.

When asked for a show of hands of those approving the specified drawings, there was overwhelming support.

The question of how the project would be financed, Tom Kehoe reported that neither an assessment nor increase in dues would be necessary; however the tennis court repairs would be put on hold because of the necessity of replacing the bridge.

After further input from the membership, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Sarah Williams, Secretary (thanks to Toby Bronstein for her notes of the meeting)

Arboretum Community Association 2010 Officers and Committees

President----- Mike Gould <u>Directors</u>

V. President---- Shirley McGraw Toby Bronstein

Secretary----- Sarah Williams Jim Czekalski

Treasurer----- Tom Kehoe Bob Hittinger

Standing Committees

Architectural Review Board Jay Ervin

Landscape and Beautification Jim Czekalski

Buildings and Grounds Bob Ahlers

Social Committee Bo Plant / Karen Walsh

Special Assignment

Audit Dutch O'Connell

Long Range Planning John Wall
Caswell Beach Liaison Jim Hinkhouse

Caswell Sewer Service Howard Newett, Jerry Johnson

Security Access John Wall, Shirley McGraw, Bob Hittinger

Reservations Bo Plant Insurance Jay Ervin

Pool / Spa Pat Wells, Frank Bausch / Jay Ervin

Sunshine & Welcome Sally Newett, Pat Wells

Newsletter & Website Alice Ervin
Directory Bill Loyd
Telephone Chain Sally Newett
Clubhouse Manager Rich Walsh
Caswell Plantation Russ Barlowe

If you have a question or concern pertaining to a specific area, please contact the chairperson of the appropriate committee listed above.

General Arboretum questions or who to call contact Toby Bronstein between 8 AM and 8 PM.

In an emergency situation, contact any board member.

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