



The Arboretum News

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February Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Arboretum Community Association convened on February 9, 2010. President Mike Gould called the meeting to order. Vice President Shirley McGraw and Directors Toby Bronstein, Jim Czekalski, and Bob Hittinger were present, as well as Treasurer Tom Kehoe and Secretary Sarah Williams.

The minutes January 12, 2010 were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: (Tom Kehoe)

- * Operating Fund balance - \$38,863.
- * Long Range Fund balance - \$109,497.
- * Assessments are overdue by February 15, and there are 32 unpaid at this point.

Committee Reports:

- Landscape (Jim Czekalski)

Green Man will be offering pine straw at \$4.75 per bale (stacked in front of your property)

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 9th
- * April: Tuesday, April 13th
- * May: Tuesday, May 11th



The Social Committee Invites You
to A Wine and Hors D'oeuvres
Get Together at
The Arboretum Clubhouse
On Saturday, February 27, 2010
5pm – 6:30pm




We will provide wine, beer and soda. Please kindly bring your favorite snack or munchies to share with your neighbors.




and \$7.75 (for delivery one day and installed the next day).

Make check to Greenman Horticulture Services (payment in advance), and give in advance to Czekalski @501 Periwinkle Way.

Bales will be delivered between March 25 and March 31.

Contact Czekalski to indicate number of bales needed.

All communications or questions should be sent to jczekalski2003@yahoo.com or 278-9028.

- CSS (Howard Newitt)

CSS met with the state officials at which report delinquencies were cleared.

The generator has been repaired and is running.

When questioned about future sewer bills, Newitt replied that he could not predict what the future bills would amount to.

There were questions about the land dispute with Ocean Greens. Gould stated that at a meeting with the 3 neighborhoods, he discovered that Ocean Greens Condos are in agreement with the Arboretum; however, there is a problem with the third association. The plan is to “wait and see.” There appears to be conflicting documentation pertaining to disposition of the sewer property. Any decision must be unanimous.

- Building and Grounds (Bob Ahler)

The present committee is composed of Bob Ahlers, Jack Cowling, Max McGraw, Jim Plant, and John Lloyd. New members are encouraged to join this committee.

Completed last month:

- * Water bills were resolved for defective meters (which were removed).
- * The Town notified AHOA that “official” storm drains must be clear of leaves and debris. This work has now been accomplished. This committee will do two annual inspections of all drains. (Those residents living near a drain could help by maintaining it.)
- * Lighting issues should be directed to Cowling (cowlingj@earthlink.net). Several lights were repaired in January.
- * The street signs have been renewed and moved as requested.

- * There is a necessity for road repairs as a result of a new water meter installation. The committee will track this problem.

Items for spring:

- * All island irrigation will be tested, repaired, and adjusted.
- * A new zone to the bridge well will be added as well as removing the town meter. Signs, clubhouse mailbox, small arbor, and informational posts will be cleaned and painted. Clubhouse entrance will be washed and painted. Work will begin on the road repairs. Frank Bausch noted that the bridge to the golf course beside is house in need of repair. Ahlers agreed to add this to the job agenda.

- Social (Plant/Walsh)

Jean Campbell reported that the social calendar for the year has been planned and sent to the Association membership.

The next social will be on Saturday, February 27 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm.

- Pool/Spa (Wells)

The wiring has been completed, and all is well with the pool.

The spa is not in compliance with federal law (Virginia Graham Baker Law). The changes, required by federal law and now being enforced by Brunswick County, are estimated in the \$3,000 to \$4,000 range. We are currently getting bids. The fines for not complying were estimated from \$15,000 to \$25,000. Whether to correct this problem or to close the spa in the hopes that this regulation might be changed in the coming months is the question. Estimating that the decision might be delayed for 30 days, the Board decided to “wait and see.”

- Caswell Beach Liaison (Hinkhouse)

Town Council meeting is scheduled for February 11 at 5:00 pm.

- Architectural Review Board (Jay Ervin)

Marti Hardy reported that the Clarke house is moving along nicely. An addition to the Walsh deck and the screening of the Johnson's pergola have been approved.

- Clubhouse reservations (Bo Plant)

No report.

- Clubhouse Manager (Rick Walsh)

No report.

- Security (Bob Hittinger)

No problems to report.

When asked the purpose of parking police cars throughout the area, Councilwoman Ahlers informed the group that some of the cars had been vandalized, prompting the decision to keep them in more public places.

New Business

- Bridge Update (McGraw)

The contract with Wallace construction Company has been signed. An electric rough in has been included and will result in an added expense. Also the paint will be an additional expense.

Work is expected to begin in early March.

There followed some discussion of stainless steel bolts versus galvanized. This change would result in an additional \$8,000.

- Sewer Update (Deborah Ahlers)

T.A. Loving, the contractor for the sewer work, will begin work very soon.

Preparation for the staging area (which will take place in the public parking lot) has already begun.

Connection is scheduled for spring.

There is a hold-up with the Oak Island sewer because of a state ordinance pertaining to wells. Ahler reported that Caswell Beach does not have a problem with its existing wells.

Ahler's best estimate of the Arboretum reimbursement was that it would be a "break-even" proposition.

Linda Bethune is training to assume the responsibility of the Caswell Beach web site.

Following Ahler's report, there was a hearty round of applause in appreciation for her diligent efforts on behalf of the AHOA.

After a motion to adjourn, President Gould closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Williams, Secretary



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