

Arboretum Community Association
Homeowners Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2016
Arboretum Clubhouse – 7 PM

MINUTES

President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Marty Clarke, Frank Lisnow, Jim Plant and Sharon Remaly. Board members absent: None. Also in attendance were 14 residents.

Approval of Minutes

Sharon moved to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2016 Homeowners' meeting. The motion was seconded by Marty and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Kehoe reported that as of the end of November, the Operating Fund balance is \$38,870. The Capital Items Fund balance is \$134,902. In addition to normal monthly expenditures, we paid \$1154 for cleaning and re-filling the pool and \$1675 to repair the pool ceiling. These items should be reimbursed by the insurance of the company that caused the damage. A resident questioned whether we could get a better deal on a package for internet, cable and phone. The Board will research this.

Committee Reports

Beautification – The committee is looking at plant selection for planting to be done in the spring.

Social – The Christmas party was a big success, and well attended. The Committee worked very hard to stage this party. The next dinner will be Soup and Salad on January 28.

Clubhouse Manager – No report.

Landscaping – In addition to mowing, the pond area was trimmed, lantana and succulents will be cut back, and edging and pruning will be done. New contract for the next year has been proposed for the same cost as the past 2 years.

Building and Grounds – Jack reported the irrigation system is turned off and pumps are drained. The County has replaced the damaged water line under the pond, and flushed the lines (landscaping that was damaged during this work will need to be corrected, which will have to be an ACA action). BEMC has ballasts on order for 3 lights that are out. The pond dam gate was replaced, and loose deck boards on the bridge were secured. A crew will be cleaning out the kayak path in January. The Williams and O'Donnell households were notified of this anticipated work.

Caswell Beach Liaison – The Town Christmas open house was well-attended. The Certificate of Occupancy was received for the firehouse, all is moved in. A meeting with FEMA is pending.

Reservations – Bo reported that there were 2 paid reservations in December.

Architectural Review – Open cases are trees on O'Donnell and Bowen properties. Tree removal was approved for Rich Walsh, Bausch and Ahlers properties. Painting approved for steps at Donovan's.

Tree removal was denied at Rob Clarke property. Open case includes Moore landscape plan approved, Certificate of Occupancy was received, ARC will review release of the \$2000 bond. Pacula dock construction is well along.

Caswell Beach Plantation – The annual meeting of the Plantation Board was yesterday and officers were elected. An issue had been raised about parking along Caswell Beach Road. A suggestion was previously made to eliminate parking on the west side of Pinehurst, and extend parking on the east side. There was much discussion about the fact that much of the land along the Road is owned by the DOT and not the Plantation. This suggestion cannot be implemented due to DOT property ownership.

Since the incursion by Caswell Dunes onto Plantation property last December which resulted in inappropriate trimming and clearing, there have been numerous allegations that they have again been cutting on Plantation property. Frank reports that each time, reports have been investigated and found to be unfounded. Again, there was discussion about exactly where property boundaries are between Dunes and Plantation properties.

Pool and Spa – No report.

Security – John Wall said the equipment is working fine, but they need more operators, since he will be traveling. George Czerw volunteered to help with this committee.

Sunshine – No visits were made this past month, but they will be visiting several new residents soon.

Energy – Jack reports there are still some issues with the spa and pool. A motion was approved to order a new spa cover. The salt chlorination equipment is being negotiated with Wilmington Pools. Salt can still be added now.

Bylaws – Jim reported for Rich Walsh's committee that they are recommending a simple change to the Bylaws to clarify definitions for member versus resident. This recommendation will be sent to the membership in January for a vote.

Stormwater Research – The committee has met and John Ferraro will meet with the Board in January.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Resident Comments and Questions - Bob Ahlers welcomed the new Board members and wished the new Board good luck.

Adjournment – At 7:42 p.m., Sharon made a motion to adjourn, Jim seconded, and it passed unanimously.

The next regular ACA Homeowners meeting is 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2016, at the ACA Clubhouse.

(Respectfully Submitted by Sharon L. Remaly, Secretary, ACA BOD)