

Arboretum Community Association
Homeowners Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Arboretum Clubhouse – 7 PM

MINUTES

President Bob Hittinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Marty Clarke, Jim Plant and Sharon Remaly. Board members absent: Frank Lisnow. Also in attendance were 11 residents.

Approval of Minutes

Marty moved to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Homeowners' meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Kehoe reported that as of the end of December, the Operating Fund balance is \$33,603. The Capital Items Fund balance is \$134,902. In addition to normal monthly expenditures, we paid \$430 for the annual fire fee, and \$89 for the annual agreement for the HVAC company. The insurance claim for damage to the poolroom ceiling has not yet been processed, but the amount has been accrued against 2016 expenses.

Committee Reports

Beautification – No report

Social – Sharon reported that the next dinner will be Soup and Salad on January 28. The cost for this dinner is \$5 per person. There will be 6 homemade soups, 2 salads, homemade bread and dessert. She thanked all of the people who helped to take wreaths and decorations down and get them into the attic.

Clubhouse Manager – No report

Landscaping - Bob H read a report from Jim Czekalski that GreenMan did normal maintenance of the common areas during the past month. Work in the coming 30 days will include pruning and trimming of crepe myrtles and other shrubs due to new shoots that sprouted, as well as cold damage. Some plants will get heavy seasonal pruning, and ornamental grasses will be done by early February.

Building and Grounds – Bob Ahlers reported that the waterfall is not working and the intake may be clogged. Jim Plant reported that they are looking for a second bid for deck replacement on the bridge. Jim also mentioned that volunteers are needed to clean up the kayak path on January 21 at 10:00 AM. Rob Clarke gave kudos to Jack Cowling and Bob Ahlers for the day to day work that they have done, and mentioned that without them, and the folks who trim and clean up common areas two times a year, the community would have to be paying for much of this work.

Caswell Beach Liaison – Deborah Ahlers reported the town is working with FEMA on possible reimbursement for storm damage, the need to replant dunes, debris collection. They are also talking to a coastal engineering firm about a possible contract to guide the town on beach issues and paperwork. Dr. Hunt from UNCW is having graduate students work with the town looking at stormwater issues along Caswell Beach Road. Work on relocating the walkway over the dunes is progressing.

Reservations – No paid reservations.

Architectural Review – Frank Sansone reported that the committee approved a request by Anthony Giampetro to replace screening and trim on his breezeway due to storm damage.

Caswell Beach Plantation – No report

Pool and Spa – Janie Schepker is now the new chairperson of the pool committee. There was an issue with the spa chemicals that has been corrected.

Security – All is fine. George Czerw has joined this committee.

Sunshine – No activity this month.

Energy – Jack Drum reported that the committee continues to look at the potential for using solar to heat pool water. A new cover has been purchased for the spa, the old one was ten years old. Jack suspects that there may be a leak around the bottom drains of the pool and is investigating.

Stormwater Research – John Ferraro reported that he met with the Board to be sure that the committee is moving in the right direction. The goal is to get bids from engineering firms to develop plans for managing stormwater in the entire Arboretum. He noted that this is a multi-faceted and multi-year effort.

Old Business – The Board is contemplating purchase of a defibrillator and has asked Bob Ahlers to update the research he did several years ago when the Lighthouse was purchasing a defibrillator. He will present options and current pricing to the Board. The device would be wall-mounted in the clubhouse. Sharon reported that Karen Lisnow and Deborah Ahlers are exploring having the County conduct another class in CPR, since the one done this past summer was well-received.

New Business – None

Adjournment – At 7:31 p.m., Sharon made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Jim and passed unanimously.

The next regular ACA Homeowners meeting is 7 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the ACA Clubhouse.

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