

Arboretum Community Association  
Homeowners Meeting, Arboretum Clubhouse  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Sharon Remaly. Board members present: Jim Conklin and Mike Gray. Absent: Deb Ader and Kathleen Berry. Also in attendance were 12 residents.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the May 11, 2021 minutes was made by Jim, seconded by Mike and passed unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Tom Kehoe reported the 6/30/2021 operating and capital account balances of \$34,292 and \$167,136 respectively. He noted several unusual expenditures in the past 2 months: A deposit of \$6,099 to repair the arbor in the front island and the arbor at the front facade of the clubhouse; \$374 for a replacement camera; \$870 for new plants for the islands, and \$5,400 to purchase and install mulch. Sharon noted that the 2022 budget process is in the works.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Beautification:** Karen Walsh was not present, but Jim reported that Karen is getting a quote for additional mulch, to cover the islands that were not done earlier, due to mis-measurement by the original company. The quote will also cover mulching the areas by the brick walls at intersections. It was noted that the efforts of the committee have the community looking wonderful – many thanks!

**Building and Grounds:** Mike Heilman reported that the brick wall at the corner of FBP and Narcissus has again been damaged by a truck and the left bumper on the service bridge was also hit. He also fixed some loose bricks at the bottom of the deck stairs by the tennis court area.

**Landscaping:** No report.

**Clubhouse:** Sharon noted the need for a replacement for Rich Walsh, who is stepping down after 13 years as clubhouse manager. Many thanks to Rich for so many years of duty! (The following day, Joe Chavez volunteered to fill the position, thanks Joe!).

**Pool and Spa:** Doug Samuel mentioned three issues: Please shower sand off kids (and adults!) before entering the pool and spa; Pool toys should be taken home when leaving the pool; Nerf-style toys (footballs, frisbees) should not be used in the pool, as any material that breaks off will clog the mechanisms.

**Reservation:** Bo Plant sent a message to ask everyone who reserves the clubhouse to let her know if it will not be needed, so she can free it up for others.

**Security:** George Czerw reported that he updated firmware, and the system is working well.

**Architectural Review:** Peter Koch reported the committee has addressed 9 items in the past two months and has several requests pending.

**Caswell Beach Liaison:** Marty Clarke reported that the town received \$136,000 in Recovery Act funds from the federal government. They are still waiting for more detailed guidance about what this money can be used for but are hopeful it can be used to help with stormwater issues. The stormwater filtration project that was done on Caswell Beach Road is functional and will soon be demonstrated.

**Caswell Plantation:** Jerry Johnson sent a report that the group is in touch with a professor at UNCW and hopes to meet with him in the next month to discuss removal of invasive species.

**Social:** Debbie Drum said that the golf cart parade was very successful with 34 carts and 8 bikes, all wonderfully decorated. Many thanks to the police and fire department for their help. A “See You in September” party is scheduled for September 12 and the holiday party will be on December 11.

**Welcome:** Cathy Hahn was not present, but we mentioned that 10 properties changed hands in 2020 and 8 (soon to be 9) properties sold so far in 2021.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Sharon noted that the repairs to the arbors are almost complete, with minor punch list items to be addressed. While a lot of rotted wood and steel plates had to be replaced in the island arbor, most of the wood at the clubhouse facade was okay, and the steel parts are still in good shape. Kudos to Deb Ader for managing this project!

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**Q & A:**

A question was raised about the stormwater engineering proposal that was developed for the town. This proposed project is divided into phases in multiple parts of the town, not just in the Arboretum. A brief overview of progress to date was given, and it was noted that there are still many issues to be addressed. Cost estimates are being developed and there is a long way to go before any decisions can be made. It also was noted that while a grant paid for the land survey and engineering study/design, there is currently no funding available for the town to pay for any of the proposed work.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** A motion to adjourn was made by Jim, seconded by Mike, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Remaly, for the Secretary

**NOTE: Next meeting is September 14, 2021 at 7:00PM.**