

Arboretum Board Meeting Minutes  
Oct 11, 2022

Board present: Jim Conklin, Gretchen Koch  
Absent: Mike Gray, Kathleen Berry, Deb Ader

Homeowners present: 15

Called to order at 7PM

Approval of minutes was tabled because there was not a quorum.  
Treasurer report was not received and was tabled.

Committee Reports:

Beautification: Karen Walsh has resigned as Chair of Beautification. The current Co-chair, Pat Conklin is appealing to the community for a co-chair and additional volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Pat.

Buildings and Grounds: Another busy month- see attached below. The board thanked B&G for all their work.

Landscaping: Joe Berry is negotiating a new contract for 2023 with Mike Black, owner of our current landscaping company.

Clubhouse Managers: Sandy Berry reported all is well at the clubhouse. The pool room will be power washed on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The pool will be closed that day.

Pool/Spa: Doug Samuel announced 2 new volunteers for the committee, Linda Serra and Butch Gane. The board thanks both, for their time. The spa is currently closed, because of new state health regulations. Doug is working very hard to get the spa into compliance with the new regs. The board thanks Doug for all his efforts.

Reservations: Jan Sharber wants the community to know that the new calendar and clubhouse use application process is working well. Residents can check the calendar online for availability.

Security: George Czerw reported that all is well and working as designed.

ARC: Peter Koch reported there had only been 2 tree requests since our last meeting.

Caswell Beach Liaison: Marty Clarke was not in attendance. But Deborah Ahlers reported that she is very optimistic about funding for the pond dredging, new inflow and out flow structures thru either funds the town has received from the Federal Recovery Act or from an environmental grant that the town has in process. On another matter, Deborah also reported that the master plan for storm water is on hold pending an engineering review.

Caswell Plantation: There was no report.

Social Committee: There will be Music on the Beach on Thursday, October 20 from 5-7pm. Please join us.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 beginning at 11am. Lunch will immediately follow the meeting.

The Social Committee will be asking for volunteers to help decorate the neighborhood with wreathes on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. More to follow.

After a Covid Hiatus – The Arboretum Holiday party is back! It is scheduled for Saturday, December 10. Mark your calendars.

Welcome Committee: Cathy Hahn reported that the McCarthy's had been welcomed to the neighborhood.

Old Business: Jim Conklin reminded everyone that our Annual Meeting is Saturday, November 5. It is very important that we have good attendance for this meeting. Information on the Annual Meeting will be hand delivered to residents and mailed to non-residents. Please plan on joining us. **IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN YOUR PROXY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

New Business: In absence of a quorum there was no new business.

Q&A: Resident Trudy Wells asked the board to do a tree survey of the common lot next to her house at 701 Alyssum. She is worried about dead trees damaging

her property. Gretchen Koch will contact Tom Wood at the Co-operative Extension to do the survey.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen Koch

## **Buildings and Grounds report**

- Sept 19 - Cleaned up the shrubs obscuring the island signs on about 15 of the islands
- Sept 22 inspected most of the island drip heads and made several repairs. Also picked up a load of fallen branches off the islands and disposed of them.
- Sept 25 - repaired a broken feed pipe hit by a Lowes delivery truck on island #13, also cleaned the pump basket and waterfall basin.
- Sept 28 - Removed several limbs from a large pine tree on common property that Trudy Wells was afraid would blow over and hit her property. Spent some time exploring around island #22 to see where the water lines ran. The plan is to tie into the existing line and add water to the NW corner
- Sept 30 had to go down and secure the weir on the dam because it had blown down with the high winds and the pond had filled back up.
- Oct 3 - Cut down the dead Mimosa on the corner in front of the wall. Ken Herring, Jack Cowling
- Oct 4 - Did some work to correct the restrictor hooks and turn them around the right way so the pipes come off when a vehicle hits them. Also put up some pinwheels, Jack thought might help drivers notice the restrictors.
- Oct 5 - got 80 ft of 1 inch PVC from Shallotte Electric and transported it to island 22 for irrigation work

Fixed a broken main feed pipe of island 18 reported by Doug Samuel. Also fixed two drip heads. Found an issue with the bridge light timer and fixed it after. EGS reported he came in the previous night around 9:30 and found the bridge lights off  
Reported 2 wall light problems to the BEMC repair crew

- Oct 6 dug a 80 foot trench along Mimosa to bury the irrigation pipe to bring water to the NW wall on the corner Installed 2 sprinkler heads. Bob Ahlers, Willy Hahn, Jack Cowling, Joe Berry

Helped move and cut up the restrictor after a Uhaul truck hit it snapping it off on the left side of the road. Kathleen Berry and Marty Clarke were there and Steve Eisley helped drag it off the road. Removed the remaining pinwheels since it was obvious they did not help visibility.

- Oct 7 Temporarily plugged one of the Aders sprinkler lines we cut during the previous days installation. Out of town so will permanently repair once I get back