

Arboretum Community Association
Homeowners Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
Arboretum Clubhouse - 7 PM

MINUTES

President Bob Hittinger (hereafter referred to as BobH) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Bob Baginski (hereafter referred to as BobB), Rob Clarke, Bob Hittinger, and E Gifford Stack. Board members absent: Jeanne Campbell (who gave her proxy to E Gifford). Also in attendance were 14 ACA residents.

BobH asked for a motion to approve the August 11 meeting minutes. Rob so moved, BobB seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tom Kehoe is away and there was no Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports

Social - Sharon Remaly reminded everyone the Oktoberfest party was moved to October 10, and is scheduled for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please sign up and give your checks at the Clubhouse by October 3. The Social Committee will provide a free lunch at the Saturday, November 7, ACA Annual meeting. On Saturday, November 21, the committee will put up wreaths throughout the community. Saturday, December 5, is the annual Arboretum Christmas Party. Sharon also said the committee again this school year is involved with Matthews Ministry.

Clubhouse Manager - E Gifford reported for Rich Walsh on three items: Jack Cowling recently replaced several lights; the fire extinguisher company made an inspection and all is well, except we need a different style of extinguisher for the pump room and Rich is ordering same; and the pest control folks were out today doing their annual service work. Sharon thanked Jack for repairing several of the chairs and lounges inside the Clubhouse.

Beautification - Juliette Sansone reported for Becky Clarke. The committee met three times; they've numbered all the islands throughout the community; they did extensive cleaning of weeds around the entrance sign and island #1 (arbor entrance); and are concentrating on weed removal, trimming (may need assistance), cleaning, and removing...new plantings will come later.

Landscaping - BobH reported for Jim Czekalski that GreenMan recently cleaned around the bridge area, sprayed weeds, trimmed shrubs, applied fertilizer on grass areas, and cleaned around the Clubhouse.

Building and Grounds - Bob Ahlers reported that he is attempting to get in touch with the paving company that is scheduled to pave sections of our roads. Jack placed

numerous calls to Brunswick Electric regarding our light pole upgrades. Unfortunately, both Bob and Jack are not getting responses, but they'll keep trying.

Caswell Beach Liaison - No report as all Commissioners are at a meeting with Brunswick County regarding the new water/sewer arrangement. Effective October 1, Caswell Beach will transfer the operation of the water/sewer over to the County for their management.

Reservations - BobH said he heard from Bo Plant that there are no paid reservations for this month.

Architectural Review - Pat Wells reported the committee approved three tree removals (Smyre, Carrol, and Lee), two shrub removals (Donovan), one deck extension (Lubsen), and a new color for front shutters (Donovan).

Caswell Plantation - Frank Bausch gave the community a heads-up on a request from a Caswell Beach Road resident who wants to construct a 20X20 foot viewing platform on the beach side of his property. Frank will keep us apprised of the applicant's permitting progress.

Pool and Spa - Rob said they are ready to move forward on repairs and upgrades to the pump room pending budget approval. The spa appears to be working fine with no leakage.

Security - John Wall says all is well.

Sunshine - Juliette reported that since March the committee met with one new resident, sent a couple of sympathy cards, and mailed eight get well wishes. She asked that residents help the committee by passing along information on new residents, members who are ill, or where there has been a death in a family.

Energy Committee - Jerry Johnson said someone will need to spearhead the anticipated repairs to the pump room. He'll work with the Pool and Spa Committee to see that someone takes responsibility for overseeing the project.

Old Business

Nominations - BobB gave thanks to Jeanne for heading the Nominating Committee. Two seats are open and we've got three candidates - Dan Donovan, Bob Hittinger, and Sharon Remaly. Profiles of the candidates will be included in the annual report and vote package distributed to homeowners in early October. The election will take place at the annual meeting, Saturday, November 7.

Audit of the Books - BobH read a letter from Harold (Dutch) O'Connell stating that following his examination of the Arboretum financial books and records from January 1-December 31, 2014, the financial statements accurately reflect the income and expenses of the organization and the balance sheet as of December 31, 2014.

New Business

2016 Budget - John Wall gave a briefing on the work of the Long Range Budget Committee, noting they held four meetings to thoroughly develop the proposed 2016 budget. He distributed copies of the committee's final recommendations (see separate attachment) and discussed several areas that are different from years past, including the Pool and Spa Energy Committee proposals, upgrades to the ladies Clubhouse restroom, and potential storm drain repairs. Frank asked the board that before accepting the budget, his written proposal regarding a new way to heat the pool room be approved. BobH said the Board was not prepared to review the proposal tonight. BobB made a motion to approve the budget as presented by John. Rob seconded and the motion passed unanimously, including Jeanne's proxy. Rob said he would work with Jerry's committee to get the pump project underway.

Resident Comments and Questions

Bridge Reminder - Everyone is invited to the annual community bridge party this Saturday, September 12, from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Invasive Trees - Mary Bausch reminded everyone of her recent email discussing two invasive trees found in our community - Mimosa and Sumac. She wants the Board to remove a big Mimosa located on Arboretum property next to her house. BobH said the Board will investigate and get back to her.

Dog Bags - Several attendees commented there is a continuing problem with some people leaving "full" dog waste bags on private/Arboretum property. (Last month's minutes covered this topic and requested residents be considerate and take their dog's waste bag home for proper disposal.) BobB suggested that BobH write a friendly email to all residents asking them to please do the right thing regarding dog waste, as well as obey the Town of Caswell Beach dog regulations (include the website link). BobH agreed to send such an email.

Pool Room Heat Proposal - Frank again asked the Board to review his proposal for a new heating system for the pool room. BobH said the Board would take it under consideration in conjunction with the Pool and Spa Energy Committee. Jerry said his committee would not rush into any decision and they are prepared to make a thorough review/investigation of the proposal.

Adjournment - At 7:50 p.m., BobB made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Rob and passed unanimously.

The next ACA homeowners meeting is 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 13, at the ACA Clubhouse.

(Submitted by E. Gifford Stack, Secretary, ACA BOD)