

HOA MINUTES

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2017

President Denis Lesieur opened the meeting at 7:10 PM. The meeting began with everyone introducing themselves and welcoming new neighbors.

Using the minutes of the previous meeting on the website, and a few copies, the minutes were reviewed and Denis called for a motion to approve. This passed unanimously.

President's Report:

Regarding the Charleston Water Department work taking place behind our neighborhood on Byrd Farm Road, Denis explained the full process of tunneling, trenching, boring, and more. This project will go through summer and probably beyond; and will involve increased noise as the tunneling expands further along. The multi purpose path along Highway 61 will also be closed for the same project.

Denis has been in touch with the City regarding possible replacement of our street signs as many of ours are faded, damaged, and tired looking. Custom made signs are available, however we must send in a sample design to get an accurate cost. One man in the City is in charge of this, making it time consuming to get information. Apparently logos and different colors, such as those in MacLaura Bluff, are available. More on this as information comes in.

This coming Saturday at Citadel Mall there is a West Ashley Planning meeting open to all residents. Pictures and renditions of possible plans will be on display, and residents will have the opportunity to comment, ask questions, and hear more on design standards, developmental controls, etc.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Kimzey

We are following last year's projection for this year with the exception of an unexpected expenditure to remove seven trees and clean the drainage grate and ditch behind the clubhouse, which has been previously covered over by storms and Hurricane Matthew. As of this meeting there are 12 households that owe assessments, fines, and/or late fees in whole or in part. We will be facing additional costs in further necessary tree work and drainage work, with estimates to come.

Nominating Committee: In the absence of ARB Chair Joe Lucas, Denis read his report. The slate of officers nominations are as follows: President: Denis Lesieur; Vice-President Kelly Widner; Treasurer Rob Kimzey; Secretary Linda Spates. ARB opening: Rob Kimzey. There were no nominations from the floor, so a motion to vote was made and seconded, and the slate was approved unanimously. The same process followed for the ARB nomination.

Grounds:

Trees and drainage were addressed as above, with a tree survey being done. A question arose about pine straw on the islands, and Denis explained that all areas will receive pine straw at the same time.

Pool: In the absence of the Pool/Clubhouse Chair, who is traveling, Denis read the report submitted by Linda Spates.

The new pool pump (which was covered by warranty), is working fine. A thank you to all those who helped clean the clubhouse and pool decking and place pool furniture.

Clubhouse: Four rentals for the season so far.

Maintenance: Matt Williams (not in attendance) is replacing clubhouse stair treads where needed; one handicap parking sign has been replaced and the other one is on order. Matt is going to be adding additional appropriate mulch to the playground. Dawn and her husband suggested that the slope of the double slide be checked as it appears to them to be too steep.

Social: The next HOA back porch party will be on May 19.

ARB: No issues. One house painting request and one request to put in a pergola; both were approved.

Compliance: Denis made and printed out a "poop" flyer that will be distributed as a reminder to clean up after your pets. A request was made for assistance; Darlene Moomau volunteered to help.

Old Business: Drainage and the area around the playground was addressed. Ellen Bollinger stated that the leaves are piling up, and several complained about leaf disposal. Several asked what it would cost to have the waste hauled away instead of blowing it around. Water is pooling; not draining; and water rushes past Darlene Moomau's drive, washing away her mulch. Water has washed away some of the earth and mulch around the playground, leaving gaps under some of the railroad ties. Denis stated that he would meet with Frank Dabney to review all these problems to try to find workable solutions.

New Business: A request has come from some residents of MacLaura Bluff about purchasing a pool membership to our pool. Per our insurance agent, there would be no change to our premiums and no additional cost to the neighborhood. Denis noted that some other associations do this, with a member cap and a fee. Aleksandra Scalco began a discussion by stating that she would be opposed to such an arrangement and that this would require a 75% approval of all residents. Glen Zimmerman noted that this request came up when he was President and that the Covenants specifically restricted use of all HOA common area to our residents. The only way to change this would be to get 75% approval to merge the Schieveling HOA and the MacLaura Bluff HOA; and that an HOA attorney should be consulted if this was considered. Pool size was discussed and the general consensus was negative. Other questions such as annexing came up, with more discussion. Denis ended the discussion by stating that the Covenant restriction settled the issue and he would leave it to any future Board to consider at their discretion.

There was again a question on natural gas lines, with discussion. Denis will follow up to get more information.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was passed. The meeting ended at 8:10PM. Minutes taken by Rob Kimzey and transcribed by Linda Spates.