## Schieveling HOA Meeting Minutes November 11, 2017

Attending: Denis Lesieur, Kelly Widner, Linda Spates, Wayne Spates, Brenda Throckmorton, Linda Widner, Joe Lucas, Rich & Aleksandra Scalco, Ellen Bollinger, Gretchen Tremann, Darlene Moomau, Chuck Jordan, Tom & Barb Bell, Sherry Brydon, Kim Reulein, Glen Zimmerman, Wendy & James Ketchum. Treasurer Rob Kimzey was absent with a family medical problem.

Denis opened the meeting at 10:07 AM. Introductions were made, and Denis asked for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Aleksa Scalco made a motion to approve, with Joe Lucas giving a second. Motion approved. Everyone was invited to help themselves to coffee and snacks.

## President's Report: Denis Lesieur

<u>Charleston Water System</u>: The pipeline project deadline keeps getting extended, it is hoped that it will end by the end of this year. Completion of the part along the multi-use path on Highway 61 is unknown.

<u>Carolina Waste</u>: Ongoing problems with timely and efficient pickups. Please report any problems to Denis and he will pass them on to City Environmental Services. Some tips: In the cul-de-sacs, do NOT place bags, brush piles, or bulk items under trees; as the mechanized equipment cannot be used, and small items or bags cannot be seen under low hanging trees. If you have large amounts, or large items, for bulk pickup, call the City by Wednesday of that week to arrange Friday pickup. If you have done this, and the items are not gone by 2PM, call Environmental Services.

<u>Volunteerism in the Neighborhood</u>: Working together is the heart of a neighborhood. We are the only local HOA that is all volunteer and not managed in part or whole by a property management company. We would like to keep it that way, but need help! Maintenance is in need of a chair, co-chairs, or a small committee to step up to do small and large projects. The Social Committee needs to have people who will volunteer to head up a particular holiday event, again, this can be done by committee. There is a project list on the website which will be updated periodically, please check it out. If we have to go to a professional maintenance company, our assessment costs would go up rather dramatically. Please think about helping!

**Budget Review**: An review of the past couple of years and the proposed budget for 2018 were distributed. Denis reviewed this year's costs to date, including a summary of tree and debris work resulting from Hurricanes Matthew and Irma. There were some questions, then Rich Scalco made a motion to approve the budget as presented, with Sherry Brydon giving a second. Motion approved.

**Pool:** Linda Spates was asked to present information on the work needed on our community pool. Linda stated that we have one bid so far, with three others requested. She asked all the companies to present bids broken down by individual projects, with detailed information on all. Denis then talked about the vaious ways in which the work could be paid for. 1. A special assessment of approximately \$250-\$300 per household; or 2. An increase in dues of \$100.00 per year for three years. It was suggested that we ask each pool company, from their perspective, what is the most crucial work to do first? In further discussion, Rich Scalco motioned that we do a special assessment now of \$300 per household, Wendy Ketchum motioned to table that until we have all necessary information, and Glen Zimmerman reminded that there would have to be a special assessment meeting. It was also suggested that we budget an amount every year for additional costs of maintenace or whatever is needed in the future to preclude any further special assessments. **Once all quotes are in Denis and Linda will** 

## prepare a mailing to all homeowners with a detailed report including steps in each phase, costs, and options for meeting the costs.

**Grounds**: Darlene Moomau announced that the larger grate put in at the playground behind her home, and sod laid, apppears to have solved the flooding/mud problems. She also reported there are a number of dead branches hung up in trees at the play area; **Denis will contact Frank Dabney.** Denis reported cleanup from both hurricanes, as well as necessary tree trimming/pruning, added to our landscaping costs. Our two grand oaks in front of the clubhouse were fertilized, and the tree trimming around the pool will be done soon, prior to any pool work.

Denis reported that the problems with the electrical at the entrance require an electrician, and that Mr. Burch of Burch Electric has been contacted and should be scheduled soon to get the entrance lights working again.

<u>**Clubhouse:**</u> Wayne Spates reported on the maintenace items that have been done; an hvac service was just done with a necessary part ordered. Linda reported one confirmed December rental so far.

**<u>ARB</u>**: Joe Lucas reported that there have been about six requests for fencing; some partial replacements, some repairs. He answered a question about exterior change of paint approvals.

A question was asked on the status of the replacement street signs: Denis responded it is with the City and progress will be slow, as the City has ONE person doing all street sign approvals.

Denis asked that all residents remember to close their garage doors at night. Not only is it a safety issue, you could find yourself with a wildlife visitor you don't want around.

**Old Business:** Rich Scalco continues to pursue getting the drainage ditches along 61 behind Fair Spring Drive cleaned out. SCDOT and the City are in conflict on the responsibility; Rich will continue to work on this. Re: rentention ponds: **Denis has mailed in the requested pictures of all our areas to the City, he has had no response yet and will follow up on this.** Aleksandra Scalco reported on working with SCE&G to get gas lines run in the rest of the community. She found information in original conveyance papers that indicate the builders conveyed easements for all future work to the City, so that SCE&G should not have to get individual homeowner approval to run lines. She is continuing to work this project. There were some Q&A on the gas topic.

New Business: Glen Zimmerman asked if anyone else had received a mailing from a resident solicting for their business; no one had. If they used the directory to do a mailing, we really have no control over that. Aleksandra Scalco reported that the flight patterns, not just for military, but for civilian planes, have changed so that the planes are coming in directly over our neighborhood and others, and generally lower in flight. She asked Denis to take this issue to the Mayor's Neighborhood Council to see if a group request could be sent to the airport to change the flight patterns.

Rich Scalco reminded everyone that residents are not allowed to park overnight on the streets. Denis stated that some of the recent parking has been visitors, which is allowed for up to a week, and that the residents have received compliance letters and in some cases been fined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM. Linda M. Spates, Board Secretary