

Merifield Acres Landowners' Association

Board Meeting—February 11, 2020

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kevin Hensley, President, at 7:01 pm at the Hensley's garage.
- II. **Roll Call (by sign-in):** The following board members were present: Annie Hensley, Kevin Hensley, Rick Baldwin, Lee Baldwin, Emily Howie, Hal Norman, Mike Compton, Chris Crouse, Rusty Bishop, Kathy Compton, and Ed Mazur. Sambo Lewis was also in attendance.
- III. **Minutes**—December 2019 minutes were moved to be approved, the move was seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- IV. **Committee Reports/Open Issues** (organized alphabetically by Committee after President's and Treasurer's reports)

First Order of Business and President's Report—Kevin greeted the Board and proceeded directly to the Committee Reports.

Treasurer's Report—Annie Hensley, Treasurer, presented the report. We have \$104,324.99 in a CD at 2.35% and \$142,747.39 in checking at Carter's Bank. We are going to reinvest the current CD in another investment. We want to check out the possible short-term CD's available for the excess. There needs to be a discussion about when funds should be withdrawn from the bank and invested.

Ed Mazur reported that we have around \$202,744.58 as of December in the Benchmark investments. The income for the time that we had our funds in the account in 2019 was \$2945.03.

Appearance and Beautification—(Kevin reported for Butch Cheatham and Chip Overton) We were very lucky with the recent storm. Even though we had heavy rain followed by strong winds, we had little tree debris to clean up and no reported property damage. We have only a couple of active members on the Beautification Committee, so we thank our residents who clean the roads near their property of tree debris and litter, as well as those volunteers who walk our roads picking up litter deposited by disrespectful drivers. We have several residents of Merifield Acres who have set examples for the rest of us, Kevin Hensley, Sambo Lewis, and Victoria Sondeker. Recently, Victoria Sondecker and Kevin picked up trash along Old National Hwy. It looks much better! Our volunteers keep Merifield beautiful. We plan on trimming the shrubs and mulching the entrance in the spring.

Architectural Committee—Alan Weyman, Chair, reported that there were no applications for approval, issues, or complaints during this reporting period.

Directory—Lee Baldwin: Lee has been updating the directory from information from assessment payments. Lee is debating whether to include email addresses in the printed directory that is distributed in the fall. It might be best to offer residents the option to opt-in listing their email address in the printed directory. More discussion of this question should be included at the next HOA Board meeting.

Aviation Committee—Rick Baldwin, chair: We had one based aircraft this year. We had two pilots from Canada who landed and spent the night. We have video from their visit that we can make available for the website. They were on their way to Fincastle and returned to Manitoba. Sambo

Lewis noted that we need an update on the committee information on the website. Hal said that he will update the information when he receives the updated information.

Orchard Update—Lee Baldwin: Plans are in the works for weeding and laying landscape fabric under the trees. We will send out information about how residents can help with their care.

Oak Park Update—Kevin: Thank you to Victoria and Mike Ianuzzi. They have made a bluebird trail and are putting more in the apple orchard. Barbara Tierney is preparing new flower beds around the barn in Oak Park.

Common Areas and Facilities Committee—Allen Weyman, chair. There was an accident at the last curve coming into Merifield. EMS, Fire, and State Police responded. No one was hurt.

Deer Control Committee—Kevin reported for Scott Diamond, chair: The deer are not on leashes, ya'll. Please drive slowly.

Roads and Maintenance Committee—Mike Gupton: Mike was not present but reported by phone. We have not had many issues because it has been a mild winter.

Security Committee—David Hammer: David was not present and did not present a report.

Newsletter, Email and Newcomer Welcoming—Emily Howie: Emily said thank you for the compliments on the newsletter. Due to lack of neighborhood news, we will be planning an issue every other month.

Emily is still working on the Easter Egg Hunt. Easter is April 12, but we might do the hunt the next weekend (Saturday, April 18, with a rain date April 25). Emily will be preparing her flyer once the plans are established. The event will be from 11:00-1:00, with the egg hunt first. Merifield family and friends will be welcome. **[Note: The Easter Egg hunt has now been cancelled for the year due to COVID-19.]**

Webpage—Hal Norman: Hal is working on new pages, including Airport and Architecture. Please send any interesting photos to: mala@halnorman.com.

V. New Business—Ed Mazur mentioned dusk to dawn lights. Are there any procedures to address these? We can discuss this concern in the newsletter and in future Board meetings.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Hensley at 7:55 PM.