

Board meeting white
June 1 2:00 PM
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Minutes, Board of Directors, M.A.L.A.

The quarterly meeting of the MALA board of directors was convened at the home of Margaret and Barney White on March 9, 1980, at 2 PM. The meeting was postponed from March 2 because of a heavy snowstorm.

Present at the meeting were Helen Albrecht, Milton Taylor, Joe Panza, John Thiel, Frank Simes, Margaret White, Philip Hayes, Ken Hensley, Clem and Katherine Johnson, Carl Schlegelmann, Harry Stopher, Joe Finn, Warren Lumpkins and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clement Gadwah who will be residents of Maplewood Court.

The president called the meeting to order and initiated a discussion of the minutes of the last meeting, December 2, 1979. The minutes were then approved as circulated.

The treasurer's report was submitted and accepted. It was noted that resurfacing of Merifield and Lakepoint Drives came in under budget at \$21,210.

The hangar doors have not been nailed and Frank Simes volunteered to do this. The boat stored in one of the hangars was being removed today, March 9.

Margaret White, Chairman of the Roads Committee, gave her report. Telephone company damage to the roads has not been repaired. Margaret will write to the company to establish a record since telephone calls have not produced any results.

The Corps of Engineers will give 6 month permits to residents of Merifield Acres for cutting wood in designated areas.

Margaret requested an increase in the funds for snow removal because of the heavy snowfall this year which caused an over run in the cost of this item. No definite amount was stated but will be determined and acted upon at a later meeting. A letter will be written to those who have not contributed extra for snow removal including those who bought into the area prior to the establishment of covenants.

Margaret reported that drain culverts were not being properly installed

on new construction. The back up of water is undermining roads and interfering with proper water run off. A motion was made and carried to add the following to the roads policy. 1. When culverts are necessary in order to provide access to property, the owner(s) must install and maintain them in such a manner that vehicular traffic to and from the property will not damage ditches and drainage will not be impeded or diverted so as to cause road beds to deteriorate; specifications requiring a 12" culvert will be noted on plans when presented to the Architectural committee, if necessary. 2. Aircraft shall not be operated or transported on or across Merifield roads at any time or for any purpose. The statement regarding aircraft using the roads was passed after discussion and motion by Margaret White and seconding by Ken Hensley. It was felt that there was ample parking area along side the runway for airplanes and that parking near homes would be unsightly. Another point made was that insurance does not cover aircraft on vehicular roads.

It was reported that weeds are growing through the pavement on roads with little or no traffic. A suggestion was made to apply weed killer. The matter will be investigated and reported on.

Harry Stopher complained that the entrance gates are blocked by parents waiting for the school bus in the afternoon. Also, that traffic is delayed waiting for the school bus to turn around. A suggestion was made that the driveway at Merifield sales office be used for the children since it provides a natural turn around for the bus. It was pointed out that permission would have to be obtained from Dave Wilson. No definite action was taken.

The expense of mowing open areas and easements came under discussion. The beauty of the area must be maintained in order to keep Merifield an attractive area to live in stated Ken Hensley and he threatened to mow the areas himself if mowing was stopped by MALA.

Mr. Davis who had requested permission to use Merifield roads and was turned down has threatened to engage a lawyer and bring suit. The board felt he has no grounds for legal action and to date no word has been received confirming this

threatening action.

Art Brand gave a report of the Security Committee. The report contained a request for an additional member, preferably one who resides in the area year-around. Joe Panza volunteered to be on the Security Committee. Art reported that he had been in contact with the sheriff and received the news that crime was on the increase mostly due to the high prices for silver, gold, art and other household possessions. A lengthy discussion followed around these points.

1. The sheriff's dept. has not enough manpower to adequately patrol the entire area, and especially, Merifield.
2. Setting up a neighborhood watch.
3. Distributing information to Merifield owners regarding effective methods of protection such as a.) types of locks, b.) timers on lights and radios, c.) marking codes on valuables, etc.
4. Bumper stickers for cars and the method of financing. It was generally felt that all owners would be asked to pay a token amount but that MALA would make up the difference.
5. Light at the entrance gate. Where it will be located, what type and the cost.
6. Budget for the Security Committee. The present amount is ⁱⁿadequate and should be increased. Katherine Johnson made a motion to increase the budget to \$1500. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Board feels that security is of utmost importance and consequently authorized the committee to proceed with the measures and expenditures to implement a security program without further need of approval by the board. The committee will keep Merifield members informed and Art Brand suggested a general meeting be held at which the board's program will be revealed and explained.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Panza, Secretary