

MERIFIELD ACRES LANDOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
June 9, 1996

The meeting was called to order by President Harry James at 1:30 pm.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 3, 1996 meeting were read by Judy Buccine who was acting secretary. Dr. Frank Clippinger commented that the road damage done by heavy equipment was on Meriwether Drive and not on Merifield Drive as written in the earlier minutes. That being the only comment, the minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Floreth distributed and discussed a 3-page Budget Report and Summary of Accounts statement. John commented that the \$15,000 allocated in the 1996 budget for the new equipment building was instead used for additional road upgrading, and that the equipment building project would likely be funded in 1998, pending a committee evaluation. The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

COMMITTEES:

ROADS: Dr. Frank Clippinger reported that all capital funds for 1996 road repairs and upgrades had been spent. Oak Run is scheduled to be upgraded in 1997. Some roads were border-stripped with asphalt as center surfaces were still in good condition. A few roads still need some crack filling, gravel work, etc., and Dennis Hayes is aware of these needs. Since Cedar Lane and Maplewood Lane have not been deeded to MALA as yet, little money has been spent on their upkeep. Once MALA owns these roads, Maplewood Lane will need to be realigned prior to being resurfaced as it does not conform to the survey done in 1995. Frank will ask the affected residents what type of surface they prefer.

COMMON FACILITIES: Pine Bark Beetles pose an ever-increasing problem. Three sections along Merifield Drive are heavily damaged by these insects. The State Forester suggests cutting down the infected trees and leaving them on the ground. Mary Fran Lewis is considering having her pine forest thinned out and this would help somewhat with the beetle problem.

ARCHITECTURAL: Mike Gupton reported the Architectural Committee had approved plans for two houses and one addition in recent months.

SECURITY: Dennis Hayes reported that some new landowners had recently set up camp on their property, and that he had explained our policy to them and had gotten them to leave.

Joe Noah was asked by a resident to request the Board consider a credit card entry system at the Merifield gate. After some discussion, the consensus was that such a system would be too expensive and too awkward to administer.

SCHOOL/YOUTH: Lannie White reported that there are still a few problems at the gate with school children being dropped off and picked up, but that the path has helped. She continually reminds parents to let their children out on the left side of the cars so as not to have their car doors open into vehicles entering or leaving the gate.

FINANCE: Tom Lilly said he hoped that the new format of the Treasurer's Report was more easily understood by everyone. He expressed his concern over the fact that quite a few property owners do not pay assessments. He distributed an assessment summary to all attendees and discussed the format and content. A committee was formed to work on the problem of bringing about a more equitable assessment process. The committee will consist of Joe Noah, John Floreth, Jerry Boyle, Tom Lilly and Tom Parker. John suggested that we look into a totally different method of assessing properties; ie, perhaps charging a percentage of the assessed valuation used by the county. Lee Hummel offered to provide the committee with copies of relevant paperwork he has from previous work on the subject.

OLD BUSINESS:

John Floreth received a letter of complaint from a resident regarding dogs running loose and destroying property. John will again mention the rules governing pets in the next newsletter and, since the dog owner in this particular case was a tenant and not an owner, it was decided that we would start sending newsletters to the renters as well as the owners. Kids driving four-wheelers were also a topic of discussion (ie, safety considerations) and this will also be addressed in the next newsletter.

John suggested that those property owners who do not pay assessments to the Association be denied use of the facilities maintained by MALA funding; ie, tennis court, park, etc. This is covered in the Common Facilities Policy but it needs to be enforced.

MALA used to contribute to the local fire department and rescue squad, as well as to the Roanoke River Basin Association (pipeline legal fund). These contributions had been stopped a couple of years ago and it was suggested that they be started again. A motion was made to send the fire department and rescue squad donations of \$25 each, and the Roanoke River Basin Association \$50. The motion was seconded and passed with one dissenting vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Gordon was invited to address the Board regarding a new 'phone tree' service he offered to set up and make operational to Merifield residents at no cost. Essentially, it's an automatic dialing service used to alert all homeowners in the event of a disaster requiring evacuation. Everyone agreed it was a good idea and a motion was made, seconded and approved to proceed with the installation.

Jim Gordon also accepted the role of Chairman of the 1996-97 Nominating Committee, and plans to solicit volunteers to fill director positions while he works on the 'phone tree'.

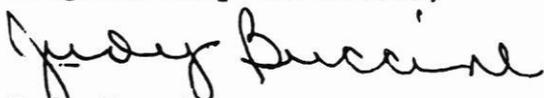
NEW BUSINESS: (cont.)

Mike Gupton requested the Board's guidance in resolving the Norris house issue. The Norris' have not built their house in accordance with the plans they submitted to the Architectural Committee. A roof modification over a covered front porch needs to be constructed in order to bring the house more in line with plans originally proposed. After much discussion, it was decided to bring the matter before the Executive Committee for resolution.

The next meeting of the MALA Board will be on Sunday, September 15, following the annual picnic and open membership meeting. The next newsletter is expected to go out with invitations to this meeting.

The June 9 Board Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Buccine
Acting Secretary

MALA Board members present:

John Floreth
Frank Clippinger
Tom Lilly
Marie Garratt

Eric Scheidt
Jim Morgan
Harry James
Judy Buccine
Lannie White

Thomas Parker
Joe Noah
Teresa Garlick
Jerry Boyle

Guests: Jim Gordon, Lee Hummel, Dennis Hayes, and
Mike Gupton, Architectural Committee Chairman