

Merifield Acres Landowners' Association

Board Meeting – June 11, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kevin Hensley, President, at 7:00 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, Chris Crouse, David Hammer, Rusty Bishop, Katie Ott, Kathy Compton, Alan Weyman, John Stinson, and Mike Gupton. Also in attendance were Tim Ott and Hal Norman.
- III. **Minutes** – April 2019 moved, seconded, and 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: nothing to report other than what is covered in the individual reports to follow.

Treasurer's Report – Annie Hensley, Treasurer, presented the report. We have \$102,727.13 in a CD at 2.35% and \$126,647.27 in checking at Carter's Bank. Assessments are still coming in. Contributions are appreciated.

The YTD budget will be emailed to the Board.

Appearance and Beautification – Kevin reported for Butch Cheatham and Chip Overton. Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to work on the playground equipment installation.

Architectural Committee – Allen Weyman, chair. Two requests for Architectural Committee review and approval were received since the last report. They were approved as follows:

- New House on Occoneechee Drive.
- New House on Highpoint Blvd.

No other requests for approval are under review or pending.

No issues or complaints are currently under investigation by the Committee.

At the last meeting Alan reported that the Committee has been working on an update to the Architectural Committee Request for Approval Guidelines. The Draft revision dated 1 April 2019 was attached to the last committee report for Board members to review and comment. Comments from two people have been received to date. Those comments have been incorporated. In order to give others a chance to submit comments, the committee will wait another sixty days before starting to issue the final revision to property owners for information and use as appropriate. It is the Committee's plan to attach the final version of the guidelines to the August committee report for incorporation into the Board members' green books and into future realtor disclosure packages.

Aviation Committee – Rick Baldwin, chair –

The new airport sign has been installed and has received very positive reactions. Airport Day was unfortunately rained out, but we still had 28 participants who came and shared the food, gliders, aviation videos, and simulator. Thanks to Annie Hensley for providing the cake, which, with the hot dogs and hamburgers, were well received!

Plans for next year are in the works and suggestions are welcome.

Costs for Airport Day were \$86.78 for food, drinks, etc.(we still have about \$50 worth of food for the Oak Park Dedication) \$100 for the portapotty, \$60 for the gliders (we still have about 100 gliders for next year) and \$27 for stakes, paint, and string. The total was \$273.78, and we received \$16 in donations.

Orchard Update

Several of the apple trees suffered from the drought and from grasshoppers. We have been spraying them with pepper spray and watering them (during the drought) daily with a rain barrel and hose. We expect all but three or four to survive, and we will plan to replant those that don't.

Oak Park Update

Playground – all of the major structures for the playground are in place, connected, and concreted in. Special thanks to Sambo Lewis, Al Weyman, Butch Cheatham, and Jim Monaco for many days of help in the hot sun! We need to organize a workday sometime in the next two weeks or so to complete the installation. We need to discuss what kind of ground covering to use under the playground.

We need to plan a Dedication day for Oak Park.

Common Areas and Facilities Committee – Allen Weyman, chair. We have no reservations for Oak Park pending. Please see the newsletter for pictures of the Hartman family's wedding. Special thanks to Mike Hite for his work on Oak Park for the wedding.

The playground installation is moving along. We will have workdays through the month and a big workday on June 29. We will need a volunteer crew for touching up the playground and for spreading the ground cover. The board decided to purchase sand for under the equipment at a cost of approximately \$2000. The motion to do so was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

We would like to have an Oak Park Dedication and Volunteer Day, perhaps at the Annual Meeting or earlier.

Deer Control Committee – Kevin reported for Scott Diamond, chair – The deer, as usual, are out of control. We need to determine how to contain them.

Roads and Maintenance Committee – Mike Gupton – We are looking for a horizontal boring machine to put in a new culvert near Mike Lyons' house. Discussion – VDOT may be able to help. We will need Sambo Lewis' permission to work on the culvert near his land.

Security Committee – David Hammer – no report.

Newsletter, Email and Newcomer Welcoming – Emily Howie – is committed to organizing both the Easter Egg hunt with a hayride. Discussion focused on possible details. Please send Merifield news and other pictures and articles for the newsletter.

Webpage – Hal Norman – The website needs some maintenance, as upgrades of different web components at different times have caused some problems. The website is working well overall. Please send any interesting photos to: mala@halnorman.com.

- V. New Business** – Kathy Compton reported on the house fire at the Hatches' rental house on West Point Drive. The family of three lost everything in the house, including their car keys. They need help with furnishings, clothes, kitchen utensils, everything. Kathy Diamond reported that they have

been loaned a storage unit to use and have been offered temporary use of a residence on Lakepoint Drive. Please consider helping with gift cards, checks, etc. Please talk to Kathy Compton if you wish to contribute.

Annie Hensley asked that any board members whose terms are up in 2019 let her know if they would like to stay on the board.

The Annual meeting will be held at Oak Park, and there was some discussion about the possibility of getting power for the barn.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Hensley at 7:53 pm.