

Merifield Acres Landowners' Association Board Meeting—December 10, 2019

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. in the Hensley garage meeting room.
- II. **Roll Call (by sign-in):** The following board members were present: Kathy Compton, Chris Crouse, Art Divens, Kent Galvin, David Hammer, Annie Hensley, Kevin Hensley, Emily Howie, Ed Mazur, Hal Norman, Katie Ott, Tim Ott, Alan Weyman. Guests: Butch Cheatham (Beautification Committee), Marc Carney (Architectural Committee)

Emily Howie served as Acting Secretary and took the minutes of the meeting.
- III. **Minutes**—Kevin Hensley, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Kevin called for the approval of the minutes of the Board meeting held on August 13, 2019. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and then approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 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 called for the presentation of committee reports:

Treasurer's Report—Annie Hensley, Treasurer, presented the report. Annie reported that MALA currently has \$117,274.20 in the MALA checking account. The MALA CD at Carter's Bank is currently valued at \$103,722.29.

Ed Mazur reported that there has not been much change in the value of the two CDs. As of the end of October 31st, one CD is valued at \$202,507.72.

Appearance and Beautification—Butch Cheatham reported that the Christmas lights at the entrance to Merifield Acres are in place thanks to Bill Carroll and Chip Overton. Bill Carroll performed the electrical work. Currently one wreath has a light not working, but this will be fixed.

Phil Beck, Bill Carroll, and Kevin Hensley all assisted in erecting the BIG waving Santa near the entrance to Merifield Acres. Again, Bill Carroll installed an outlet that allowed the Santa installation.

Architectural Committee—Alan Weyman, chair: Alan Weyman introduced Marc Carney who is now serving on the committee. Alan reported that since the last board meeting there has been one request for approval of a new house on Ridge Road. The house plan was approved. There have been no complaints to the Architectural Committee, and nothing is currently under review.

Directory—Lee Baldwin: In the absence of Lee Baldwin, who could not attend the meeting, Kevin Hensley reported that there were no new developments or news.

Ed Mazur asked about the maintenance of the Merifield Directory. Emily Howie explained that Lee Baldwin maintains the master lists of all Merifield residents and landowners. Emily maintains a separate email contact list for distribution of the Merifield Acres newsletter. Any new or revised contact information that Emily receives is shared with Lee Baldwin. Annie Hensley said that the Merifield Phone Directory is composed of just residents and is separate from the list of property owners.

Aviation Committee—Rick Baldwin, chair: Rick Baldwin was to submit a written report after the meeting which will say that there were no significant changes in the airport. They are looking into the possibility of liming the runway to amend the soil.

Deer Control Committee— Kevin Hensley reported for Scott Diamond. Eight deer have been harvested in Merifield Acres.

Common Areas and Facilities Committee—Alan Weyman, chair. Nothing to report.

Roads and Maintenance Committee—Mike Gupton, Chair, Kent Galvin reporting: Nothing to report.

Security Committee—David Hammer: Nothing to report.

Newsletter, Email and Newcomer Welcoming—Emily Howie: Emily was asked how information on new residents is obtained. Annie Hensley answered, saying that the information comes from realtors who are involved with sales in the subdivision; however, it was acknowledged that private sales or transactions are almost impossible to uncover if the residents involved do not provide the information to the Board. Also, when names are changed on property deeds as a result of an inheritance, again this is very difficult to detect if this information is not conveyed to the Board. Emily said that she has been pleased with the number of residents who have provided contact information on a new neighbor who should be placed on the Merifield newsletter email distribution list.

Webpage—Hal Norman:(content) Hal Norman reported that the domain name for the subdivision (merifieldacres.org) expires on February 11th of 2020. He requested that the Board approve an expenditure of \$250 to register the domain name for an additional five years. A motion was made to approve the expenditure of the funds. The motion was seconded and then approved by unanimous voice vote. As always, please send any interesting information or photos to: mala@halnorman.com.

V. New Business—

Oak Park, Bluebird and Bat Houses, Etc.—Kevin Hensley reported on a new project to build birdhouses for Bluebirds to be installed at Oak Park. Michael Iannuzzi has built nine Bluebird houses with red cedar provided by Kevin. The red cedar wood will last for years. Additional birdhouses will be built. The birdhouses have doors on the bottom that can be opened in order to clean them out. They will be spaced around Oak Park, mounted on galvanized steel poles also provided by Kevin Hensley. There will be no cost to Merifield for this project.

Jim Gordon has also made Bluebird houses that have been installed at the front entrance.

Bat houses are also being constructed around the barn in Oak Park. The bat and bird houses will help to control the mosquito population.

Kevin also reported that soil was brought in to bring the soil level up to cover the well assembly. Iris bulbs have been planted around the well assembly. Rick Baldwin is also providing additional topsoil for Oak Park. Barbara Tierney is heading a group that will plant bulbs and bushes to enhance Oak Park.

Kevin emphasized that these projects to improve Oak Park and Merifield Acres are all being done by volunteers. He expressed his gratitude and appreciation for all the volunteers who work so hard to make Merifield Acres beautiful and Oak Park a place for all residents to enjoy.

VI. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous voice vote.
The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.