

Merifield Acres Landowners' Association Board Meeting Minutes - Revised¹ – April 10, 2018

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Kevin Hensley, President, at 7:00 pm at the Hensleys' garage.
- II. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Kevin Hensley, Annie Hensley, Kent Galvin, Rick Baldwin, Cindy Meadows, Alan Weyman, Katie Ott, Emily Howie, Mike Compton, Lee Baldwin, Rusty Bishop, Phil Beck
The following visitors were present: Tim Ott, Hal Norman, Butch Cheatham, Nola Adler, Joe Pecararo. Thoughts go out to David and Darlene Hammer.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:** Minutes from the meeting of 2-13-2018 were approved as written.
- IV. **Committee Reports/Open Issues (organized alphabetically by Committee)**

First Order of Business and President's Report – Upon assuring a quorum present, the Board met on 3-24-18 at 9:57 at Oak Park at the President's request, to approve the purchase and installation of two swing sets – one 12' set at Oak Park and one 10' set at the tennis court. Details on the costs and specifications had been provided via email in advance of the meeting. Discussion included the layout and location for each set (the set at Oak Park will be located behind the barn, once the property boundaries have been confirmed by Chris Crouse. Scott Jeffrey will procure the rubber mulch for under the sets.

Regarding the need to approve the August 2017 Board meeting, information about the quorum at that meeting should be available soon, at which time we should be able to approve or amend the August Board meeting minutes.

This will be tabled until our next Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Annie Hensley, Treasurer, presented the report. A \$100,000 2-year CD was purchased with a 2.3% interest rate. Currently the checking account at Carter's Bank has \$79,901.29. The Merrill Edge Investment Account balance is \$187,227.87. There has been some impact on the Merrill Edge account due to current stock market activity.

Financial Committee -- In Ed Mazur's absence, further discussion will be tabled until next meeting when the Financial Committee will examine MALA's investment policies, procedures, and practices.

Appearance and Beautification – Butch Cheatham reported that we now have completed the fence at the front entrance. A suggestion was made to

¹ These minutes were revised to reflect the action taken by the Board in the June 12, 2018 regular meeting, which approved these minutes subject to the removal of the Special Meeting Minutes from these minutes, and to place them in separate Special Meeting Minutes. Date of revision July 16, 2018.

approach Sambo Lewis about continuing the split rail fence across the area where he has fenced his property near the entrance. Kevin and one other will discuss this with Sambo and seek his approval before we move ahead.

Lee Baldwin has asked to be allowed to serve as a member of a subcommittee of the Beautification Committee and the Aviation Committee to begin maintaining (pruning and planting) the apple orchard that is on the common area adjacent to the runway. She is proposing to work with one other Master Gardener and some community members. She will email details of plans to Cindy. The Board approved her beginning this project.

Architectural Committee -- Alan Weyman reported that there have been two requests approved – a new house on Merifield Drive and a new shed on Eagle Perch Court. No other requests for approval are currently under review. No issues or complaints are currently being investigated.

Aviation Committee – Rick Baldwin reported that the committee would like to organize a Fly-in day for the community sometime in June. The proposed date will probably be June 9, 2018. Merifield pilots will provide free rides (liability is assumed by private pilots at such events). There will also be some RC flying activities, hot dogs/hamburgers, etc. Parking will be in the old hangar area. It was suggested that the current signs on the runway be addressed first and that signs announcing the event be posted within Merifield before the event. It was also suggested that Rick contact Bill Jones at Ace Hardware about the RC activities, since he is instrumental in those activities in Clarksville. It was moved, seconded, and approved by vote that we proceed with these plans.

Common Areas and Facilities Committee – The March cleanup of Oak Park was very successful. Several large dead trees and a large pile of debris were burned. Phil Beck has offered to carve a large rabbit for the park décor.

The new swing sets have been purchased and shipped (both for \$507). The set at the tennis court is erected and located, but will be concreted in on Friday. Scott Jeffrey is obtaining the rubber mulch. Kevin will need help on Sunday, April 15 to set up the clamps and determine the seat heights for the swings. Special thanks to the Fergusons for donating the picnic table that is set near the swing set under the shade of the pine tree.

Deer Control Committee – No report.

Newsletter, Email and Newcomer Welcoming Committee – Cindy Meadows reported that all is well with the newsletter and email but requested some help with the welcoming committee. In this community, there has been a problem with determining who was purchasing property for temporary, rental, or investment purposes and who was actually moving in full time. There is information in the disclosure packet provided to purchasers by the realtors. Discussion regarding solutions led to a decision that Cindy and Annie Hensley will talk about information provided in the disclosure packet that will make it possible for new residents to share their contact information

and learn more about how to be a part of the activities of the Merifield community.

Roads and Maintenance Committee – Kent Galvin reported nothing significant occurred in February or March. The committee plans to continue repairs as required. The February and March contract reports from Mike Hite include cleaning the road pipes, pushing back or removing fallen trees, putting down crusher run gravel on areas with low shoulders, and cutting the main entrance.

Security Committee – Nothing reported.

Webpage and Directory – Hal Norman requested the \$230-235 needed for annual renewal. It was moved to make this approval an evergreen motion unless the costs are significantly higher. The move was seconded and the funds and evergreen motion were approved by vote.

Lee Baldwin will follow up to obtain addresses, emails and telephone numbers of MALA owners.

V. New Business

There is \$3.82 in unclaimed money for MALA in Mecklenburg Electric records. Rusty will look into this.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Kevin Hensley at 7:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Lee Baldwin