

Merifield Acres Landowners' Association

Board Meeting—April 13, 2021

I. **Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Kevin Hensley at 7:02 in the Hensley's garage.**

Roll Call (by sign-in): Board members present: Kevin Hensley, Annie Hensley, Rick Baldwin, Lee Baldwin, Chris Crouse, Mike Gupton, Hal Norman, Emily Howie, Tim Ott, Katie Ott, Carolyn Ferguson. Also in attendance: Frank and Paula Berrios, Alan Weyman, Sambo Lewis, Andy Ferguson, Ed Mazur.

Minutes— Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed, a motion to accept was made, and they were approved unanimously. Objection by Hal Norman: We need to approve the complete minutes at the subsequent meeting. See Ed's recommendation. Recommendation for the minutes by Ed Mazur regarding the December minutes, which presented our decision to display/report the minutes in redacted form. Ed suggested that we should add to the minutes a notice that full minutes containing full financial information (in the addendum) are available (in hard copy) for members upon request to Lee Baldwin (lbaldwin01@aol.com). Ed read the Treasurer's Report of the February minutes to the assembled Board members and made a suggested revision of the minutes of February 9 regarding the addendum. The Board moved and approved the February minutes unanimously.

II. **Treasurer's Report**—Annie Hensley, Treasurer, presented the report and the year to date Profit and Loss statement. These details are available in the addendum, and the **full minutes containing full financial information (in the addendum) are available (in hard copy) for members upon request to Lee Baldwin (lbaldwin01@aol.com).**

Finance Committee – Ed Mazur reported. Due to the economic downturn, our plan regarding the investment of monies needs to be reevaluated. We should work with a full-service broker to help us know what is available, what are the costs, and Sambo Lewis offered observations regarding the investments and has also offered his help to Ed in exploring options. Kevin asked about laddering investments over 2-3 year time spans. He believes we can do better than the current percentage rate. Tim Ott suggested waiting until after the pandemic is over before making a change. Discussion ensued. Kevin asked that the Board to bring their best ideas to the Finance Committee and Board.

III. **Committee Reports/Open Issues** (organized alphabetically by Committee after President's and Treasurer's reports)

Appearance and Beautification—Chip Overton, chair, was not in attendance. It is all looking lovely.

Architectural Committee—Alan Weyman, chair: The Architectural Committee Report is as follows: Three requests for Architectural Committee review and approval were received since the last report. They were all approved: 1) An addition on Cheverly Road; 2) An attached carport on Carriage Lane; 3) An attached shed roof on Darcy Drive. No other requests for approval are under review or pending. No issues or complaints are currently under investigation by the by the committee.

Directory—Lee Baldwin: Please contact Lee Baldwin at lbaldwin01@aol.com with any changes that you need to be made to the directory.

Aviation Committee—Rick Baldwin, chair: The grass on the runway is looking healthy. We have already mowed it. The seeding and fertilizer has been working. Sambo took soil samples to Boydton to determine what we needed to do. We are going to repair the cones. We need to reduce the number to help us maintain them. We will have repaired cones in reserve.

Apple Orchard Update--Lee Baldwin: We planted 10 new trees that are around 5 years old

with the help of over a dozen community volunteers. They are full of leaves and looking healthy. We have also reinforced the deer fences and are working on the landscape fabric and mulch. We are looking at possibly putting up fencing around the trees. We will be looking for members of the Apple Orchard team to protect the trees as the summer approaches. We have also designed water lines to help with irrigation. We will be installing 7 frost-proof spigots in the next month. Rick has trenched for the water lines, and we are moving along on the installation. We have also installed air grafts on the original trees; these will allow us to continue the line of the original orchard. We also have access to free apple and pear trees. We are planning to plant pecan trees at Oak Park, the tennis court, and the airport.

Common Areas and Facilities Committee—Alan Weyman: Nothing to report, except for the hummingbirds.

Deer Control Committee— Kevin Hensley reported for Scott Diamond: 30 deer in Kevin's front yard. Two deer have been harvested since the last report.

Roads and Maintenance Committee—Mike Gupton, chair. Mike Hite has assessed all of the culverts. No immediate issues, but there are going to be issues in the future. As they fail, we will replace them as needed. We will be working on the potholes. Ed Mazur commented on the cutting of the roadside right of way. It looks bad, but we have to make sure that the trees don't overgrow the road. Ed asked that we try to avoid making such a mess.

Security Committee—David Hammer was not present: No issues to report.

Newsletter, Email and Newcomer Welcoming— Emily Howie – Please go downtown and look at the display of the bee hives painted by Judy Irvin and her granddaughter. Sandy Parke was responsible for getting this done. Kevin commented that the newsletter is wonderful and making the neighborhood look great.

Webpage—Hal Norman—Continuing to overhaul the pages and work on the menus. We will be implementing changes in the next months. As always, please send any interesting information or photos to: mala@halnorman.com. Rick commented that the older website reports all continue to show the financial amounts. He emphasized that we need a password on the website to protect this information. We are not going to go back and revise the old reports, but we will continue to published minutes without the addendum.

IV. New Business

Storage of the Pipeline Pipe in Clarksville —Ed Mazur. Sambo said that the pipe has been sold by Dominion and is being removed piecemeal.

V. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. The next meeting will be held June 8, 2021, at Hensley's garage.