

Merrymount Board Meeting

5/20/2015

Patty McHenry, Chair, Nan Wampler, Ray Merritt, and Denise Buckner members, Diana Munsch, secretary in attendance. Richie Heycock was a guest.

Patty called the meeting to order @3pm

Old business:

Discussion of Dry Hydrant vs Turbo Draft. Palmer Springs wants the Dry Hydrant. Richie Heycock came to share the fire department's perspective on why they prefer the Dry Hydrant. The hydrant is ready to use and easy to operate. The hydrant sucks water out of the lake similar to an irrigation system. The Turbo Draft requires three men to operate it, and needs to be stored. Although some fire companies have chosen to use the Turbo Draft, Palmer Springs does not endorse it. Patty questioned the need for maintenance on the dry hydrant. Richie said the fire department would do drills on the dry hydrant, but did not know how often or whether that would be sufficient to keep it maintained. Although the Board was somewhat split on the decision, Nan made a motion to move forward with the plan to install the Dry Hydrant which had received prior approval from the Board, the ARC, and Virginia Power Company. Ray seconded the motion. As soon as the water level drops, the hydrant will be installed. Walter Miller, Virginia Power Company Representative, has been contacted to get a letter in writing that the hydrant has received approval from Virginia Power Company. Patty will call or email him again to secure this letter.

Annual Meeting Picnic: Lissa will get colored index cards to distinguish proxy votes. Ray will order food. Shopping trip for supplies scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th, Peete Farm count due on Tuesday, May 26th. Residents from Peete Farm may provide beer.

Grass cutting of residential lots: The Board has received complaints of high grass on residential lots and the need for the property owner to cut grass all the way to the road. This will be addressed at the annual meeting with a general statement for all homeowners and a follow up with individuals as needed.

Roads: inspection of roads and report from Debbie Ortiz should be forth-coming.

New Business:

Subdivision Security. A total of four (4) recent incidents in our community have raised concern for increased security measures. Patty will keep all residents informed of any future incidents with pertinent "need-to-know" information. Patty is looking for Board support for two (2) cameras at front entrance with night vision and possibly one more at intersection of Merrymount and Hawtree. These cameras would supply a video tape and could be logged into with a password to check status. Scott Murray has a representative from a security company coming out on Saturday, May 23rd to evaluate and provide cost information. The last estimate given was \$5000.

Linda Sobey recommended for discussion the use of car I.D. Stickers. Idea tabled until practicality of this method could be further explored. For now, we will take a two-step approach utilizing a revitalized Neighborhood Watch with Block Captains and the possible installation of security cameras. These actions will hopefully demonstrate to the owners/ residents that a "stepped-up" plan to protect our community is underway.

Road impact fee for new construction: Board members discussed the documentation given each new Merrymount property owner re: \$1000 road impact fee. The exact location of this information in the Merrymount Revised Covenants and New Owners' packet, etc. was specifically detailed. The road impact fee is to be paid by the property owner upon receipt of a building permit from the county. To date, one property owner has not paid this fee. The Board will send a letter to the property owner with full explanation as stated above.

By-Laws : New copies of the revised By-Laws will be made available at the Annual Meeting by Nan.

Updated Address Books: This process is being worked on and hopefully ready by annual meeting. Diana will send out an email to MPOA asking anyone who does not want their information published in this address book to contact her ASAP.

Nuisance plants: Todd is trying to arrange for a speaker for the annual meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Munsch, MPOA Secretary