Sommerville Homeowner’s Association Board Meeting

April 16, 2024, at 7 p.m.

(Meeting held via ZOOM)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. All members of the Board were present. Also attending were Samantha Call and Marci Swanson

Minutes from the March 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Treasurer’s Report, presented by Samantha Call, was unanimously approved.



* Overdue Assessments – as of 15 April 2024, All but one assessment for the July to December period have been paid. If this assessment has not been paid by May 1, it will be turned over to the attorney for collection.

ARB – Derek Coldiron

* ARB Approvals
  + Amended application for 102 Sommerville addition was received and approved.
  + The owners of 301 Sommerville applied and were approved to paint the garage door to match the shutters on the house.
* Other issues - none
* 105 Brighton Circle needs an ARB inspection for their resale packet. Since Derek is out of town, Geoff will do the inspection and get it to Sam so the packet can be completed.

Committee Reports

* Welcoming – Frank Lane
  + No report
* Neighborhood Watch – Frank Lane
  + No report
* Hospitality – Cheryl Barnard & Jeanne Grinnell
  + A sympathy card was sent to Carolyn Bradley
* Beautification – Joyce Frink
  + The committee will meet in late April/early May to remove plants that need to be replaced and additional planting needs.

Board Business

* Pond Repair/Sprinkler Maintenance – George/Geoff
  + Questions needing to be addressed
    - What is the cost of the cable needed to move the fountain back to the middle of the pond and for the relocation itself.
    - The 4th aerator remains clogged. At what point will that become a problem and what is the cost to replace/repair?
    - George will follow up with Solitude.
* Langley FCU Money Market Account
  + Minutes need to be signed by all BOD members and given to George, so he can take them to Langley FCU to establish the Association accounts.
  + Need to amend the March minutes to reflect that Geoff Swanson and Samantha Call have been approved by the Board as the official signers on the account.
  + Questions to be answered include why do Board members have to have a personal account with LFCU for a corporate account?
* The new BOD email is up and running with former email forwarding to new email. Posting it on the entry sign has helped to promote it to the community.
* Grounds Maintenance – George
  + Greenkeepers plan for the Spring Clean-up at the end of April.
* Community Safety
  + Stop Sign Replacement
    - Marci suggested a letter from the BOD might help motivate VDOT to replace existing stop signs. Marci and Geoff will work on getting a letter requesting the signs in the neighborhood be replaced.
  + Front entrance median lights
    - A previous homeowner installed the four light posts that are not working. The power source for these lights is unknown. Sam has attempted to contact this previous owner multiple times, leaving messages each time, to inquire about where the power was run from. As yet, she has received no response. We do know that the lights are not connected to the first median or to the sign lights.
    - The cost to trace the electricity for the median will cost $700 - $1000; then the BOD will need to get an electrical company that can run the electricity and reconnect the lights. There is no estimate as to what the cost to do this could be.
    - The BOD will continue to work on this issue and keep the community informed. One option may be to install some type of solar fixture on the existing poles. The Board is continuing to work on the issue.
* Carolyn attended the Countywide HOA Meeting on March 21.
  + She was introduced to various County Department Heads who explained their departments to those present. The one item of concern she brought back to the Board focused on the County Recycling Program. Because of costs, the County is looking to limit the items that can be recycled or even cancel the County Recycling Program. The Board of Supervisors will be considering this issue in their current budget discussions.
  + She brought back flyers for the County’s summer camp opportunities. She will post these on the Facebook page.
* On March 20, the Board’s compliance lawsuit in General District Court against a property owner was continued to May 22, 2024. The owner was given until that time to remedy the violation or secure legal counsel.

Community Concerns

* Unleashed/uncontrolled dogs – Please make sure animal control is aware.
* Parking is not allowed on the grass anywhere in the neighborhood.
* Spring Maintenance Reminders
  + Now is the time to powerwash the winter grunge from home exteriors.
  + Fences should be maintained without broken palings and gates.
  + Lawns should be maintained to community standards.
* The Fence-Improvement project along Seaford Road and Sommerville Way was tabled until September.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.