

HOA MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

24 HOA attendees

Dave Roffman - President

Wilma Votta - VP

Roy Zamecnik - Architecture

Laura Daily – Treasurer

Secretary – David Dalton

Opened with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer by the Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Neighborhood Watch

Chris Canupp – Coordinator Neighborhood watch – Neighborhood Watch - Nextdoor Neighbor

CPL Matt Cueller Foley PD

OFC Darryl Clevenger Foley PD

Neighborhood Watch Chris Canupp – Works very simply it is run by you and your neighbors.

You can sit and watch or ride around, it's only observed and report. NO vigilante acts You should also communicate with the neighborhood. We are looking for Block Captains whose job is to check up on people who are volunteers. If you have a neighbor who doesn't have a computer please knock on their door and if they don't have email please knock on their door and let them know what is going on.

CPL M. Cueller - Most the crimes in our neighborhood are B&E of unlocked vehicles. Protect yourself if necessary. If necessary stand your ground before you shoot. Let people know you saw them. Try to make our neighborhood as unattractive as possible for criminals.

Q – Do we have a specific patrol for our neighborhood?

CPL Cueller - Patrol shifts break up into NSEW and patrol at random. Foley has high call volume for such a small department many of which have to do with shoplifting at Tanger Outlets.

Ashford Park is one of the largest neighborhoods in Foley. If you want to make an anonymous call that is fine and please call no matter how small the crime. Block Captain jobs are to check up on people and if they don't have email just knock on their door and let them know.

Darryl – we mostly see domestic issues (two) in our neighborhood and suspicious incidents.

Don't chase someone who has a gun. B&E thefts from cars and unlocked vehicles are the most common crime. Interact with your neighbors. Keep garage doors shut. Lock your door into the house from the garage. Lock your sheds.

Q: Does dispatch have another phone line besides 911?

CPL Cueller – Yes call 943-4431 it goes directly to Foley's dispatch center, if you call 911 it is routed through Robertsedale Call Center.

Q: What if I leave town?

CPL Cueller - You can request house checks by filling out a form. Checks are done twice a day and an officer actually checks your house. If you have an alarm system post a warning as it may deter crime.

Q: What should we do about witnessing trash thrown out of the windows by drivers?
CPL Cueller - Try to get license plate number and call the PD to report littering. We will find them and write up a ticket. Be willing to sign a statement (you will remain anonymous).
CPL Clevenger – mostly domestic issues (two) in our neighborhood and suspicious incidents. Don't chase someone who has a gun. Take a cell phone picture of suspect if you can. Interact with your neighbors. Keep garage doors shut. Lock your door into the house from the garage. All large gatherings of police officers in suspended due to police shootings.

2. So Long Michael Wilde

For the past six months, Board member Michael Wilde has served our community well as the Architectural/Maintenance Chairman of our Association. However, Michael has resigned from his position on the Board due to his wife getting a job in Dothan, AL, and they are in the process of moving and their house is now listed for sale. Michael Wilde will be missed. He has been a dedicated, hard-working Board member, and he and the volunteers on his committee have done an amazing job inspecting the community on a monthly basis. The overall beauty of Ashford Park today is a testament to Michael and his committee. We wish Michael and his wife Daphne all the best in the future, and know that you are always welcome here in Ashford Park.

3. Ashford Park HOA vs O'Leary & Abernathy

Bruce B. Stone, Attorney for Ashford Park HOA writes:

"Dear Ashford Park Homeowners

As you are aware, the previous Board, together with Bob Webb, individually, filed a lawsuit on September 7, 2015 against Defendants Tim O'Leary and Tom Abernathy.

"On April 11, 2016, following several months of attempting to settle this lawsuit between all parties involved, the Ashford Park Board and Bob Webb entered into a Settlement Agreement and ProTanto Release with Defendant Tom Abernathy only which you were all previously advised of on May 10, 2016, together with the terms and conditions of that settlement agreement, via my previous letter to the Board and the HOA.

"Following several more months of settlement negotiations with Defendant Timothy O'Leary, the Ashford Park Board and Bob Webb finally entered into a Settlement Agreement and ProTanto Release with Defendant Timothy O'Leary on July 29, 2016.

"As agreed upon between the parties, and as mutually requested, the terms and conditions of the Settlement O'Leary are confidential as to all parties. However, and without violating any confidentiality, as the Board's attorney, I can assure you the HOA's financial position was not detrimentally affected by the Settlement Agreement.

"Therefore, this pending lawsuit as to Defendant Timothy O'Leary will now be dismissed, together with his counter-claims against the Board and Bob Webb.

“The claims against Defendant Mike Wilde, individually, asserted by Timothy O’Leary, together with Mr. Wilde’s counter-claims against him, will remain in litigation; however, the Board nor the HOA will have any further involvement with this litigation, nor any further financial responsibility.”

4. Treasurer’s Report – Laura Daily

There are very few checks being written right now with the lawn care being our largest one monthly Total of three checks for postage in the amount of \$86.91. The postage is for notices to homeowner for covenant violations. **We do not like to fine people but we must enforce our covenants in order to maintain property values.**

Ending balance as of August 31, 2016: \$30,841.52.

5. President’s Report – Dave Roffman

Action Item 1: Appointment to fill vacant Board Member Position, Roy Zamecnik as Architectural/Maintenance Chair. Voted on by Board, approved unanimously.

Action Item 2: The next newsletter will be published this month and will be emailed to homeowners.

Informational Item: Political signs and flags violate our Covenants. We will post the Covenant in question on the Website, and put the Covenant in the next newsletter. The 2015 HOA Board addressed this issue with the board attorney via a legal opinion at a cost of \$1250. This came after the school bond issue signs became an issue. The Board wanted to make sure the covenant did not violate freedom of speech. Per the legal opinion, the covenant does not violate an owner’s freedom of speech. The big issue was that if we allow one type of political sign, we then have to allow all types of political signs, including ISIS signs. So our position then and now is to disallow political signs, i.e. Trump, Clinton, Johnson, Stein, etc. signs this year. Flags too are limited to sports flags. This approach keeps the board from having to approve or reject requests for exceptions, per the covenant. The legal opinion can be found on the HOA website at http://media.wi.com/ujgd/3541ff_fca9e7a1

6. Architecture/Maintenance Committee Report

Roy Zamecnik

Found Kudzu along one of the culverts. And there were 17 covenant violations. Ponds continue to be an issue which will have to be dealt with next year, per the City. Krupinski Farm runoff continues to be an issue with our efforts to fix the pond issue.

7. Communication's Committee Report

Deborah Peterson - Title companies are not very good about keeping the HOA advised of the new owners. So many times we do not have the correct information on the owners. Many emails are bounced because the address is incorrect or no longer valid. Please make sure you keep us up to date with new email address. New homeowner information can be posted to our website.

8. Open discussion:

There is a possibility of building a rehab facility next to the YMCA. It would be a 27 bed facility operated by Kindred Health Care based in Louisville, KY. Kindred operates facilities in 46 states across the U.S.

The next Board Meeting will be on Wednesday November 9 at 6:15pm at the Foley Library's upstairs meeting room.