

Ashford Park Board of Directors Meeting
June 25, 2021

Meeting was held at 551 Park Ave., Foley, AL .

Members present were Sherry Page, Lynn Nuttall, Ralph Lewandowski, Peter Lord and Robert Cummings, Senior Project Manager from Fabre Engineering, formerly of Goodwin, Mills and Cawood.

Meeting was called to order at 2 pm.

There are 5 retention ponds in Ashford Park. The city of Foley does not have any ownership of these ponds. They are all the responsibility of the Ashford Park Homeowners Association.

The ponds are 1-A, which backs up to Foley High School property.

1-B, which is on the west side of East Ashford Park Road. It has East Ashford Park on 2 sides and West Ashford Park on the other side.

7-A, which on the north side of Park Ave and borders Hickory and Crossford Roads.

8-A, which is on the south side of Park Ave and borders Hickory Road and Gabon Dr.. This pond is also known as Hickory Pond.

8-B, which is known as Hampton Pond and backs on Fulton Loop.

The Association is responsible for 25% of the upkeep of Pond 8-B. Hampton Park takes care of the maintenance of this pond and the Association pays 25% of the costs.

It has been determined that Pond 8-A has been surveyed twice by Goodwin, Mills and Cawood. They were contracted to survey Pond 8-A and Pond 7-A. Ms. Page will contact Stewart Smith of Goodwin, Mills and Cawood to discuss this error and either have Pond 7-A surveyed or the monies paid for this survey returned.

Mr. Cummings said that Pond 8-A was in as good shape as possible. Unfortunately, the outlet drain pipe is higher than the pond. Something that is not correctable. It does need to have the vegetation sprayed. Options for products needed and spraying will be explored.

Pond 7-A is also in good condition. It is 75-80% optional.

Pond 1-B is in good condition.

Pond 1-A is in deplorable condition.

The entire Board is in agreement that Pond 1-A is the priority due to its condition.

To bring Pond 1-A up to acceptable condition, the first order of business is to contact the City of Foley and see if they will get the downstream end (south of the pond) cleaned out.

Next, a road to the dam, which Pond 1-B drains through, needs to be made. A City of Foley Environmental Permit (\$125) will be required before it can be made (contact: Leslie Hagen). The previous road has been totally overgrown with trees and shrubs.

Finally the dam face needs to be cleaned. This should result in a smooth flow of run-off from Pond 1-B.

Long term, Pond 1-A needs to be cleaned out. It is full of trees, debris and garbage. Hurricane Sally compounded its state of disrepair. This is a major undertaking which requires giving the State a Notice of Intent and multiple permits. Mr. Cummings says his company can file for all permits and produce and sort through bids for the necessary work. Once the above issues have been accomplished, Mr. Cummings will be contacted for his company to present a contract for this work.

Mr. Cummings was contacted for his input into this matter because of his familiarity with Ashford Ponds due to his employment with Goodwin, Mills and Cawood during the previous pond work.

A discussion was held about controlling the cattails growing in the ponds and drainage areas. Spraying with industrial Round-Up is one viable option. Mr. Lord will contact David Green of Green Company to discuss.

An idea was put forth to form a Maintenance group, of homeowners that back on the different ponds, to monitor the ponds and alert the Board of any maintenance required in the various ponds. The Board is looking for volunteers.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.