

Ashford Park Board of Directors Meeting  
September 3, 2021

Meeting was held by email .

Members participating were Sherry Page, Lynn Nuttall and Peter Lord.

Topic of discussion was the letter sent to Ashford Park Board of Directors from the City of Foley Environmental Department.

This letter was about a complaint filed by an Ashford Park Homeowner concerning the retention pond east of Hickory Street and north of Park Avenue. The complaint said there was overgrown vegetation and weeds becoming a public nuisance. The City's inspection "reveled the property to be overgrown with vegetation and weeds which may prohibit the facility from function properly". The HOA is now on notice at this violation must be corrected within 30 days and if not, the HOA may be fined up to \$500/day that the violation exists.

None of the Board members had received any complaints about this retention pond.

Ms. Nuttall and Mr. Lord walked around the retention pond. They found that the banks were properly mowed. One homeowner had a section of fence and fence post with concrete abandoned on the HOA property. Another homeowner had several small trees including partially dead tree, with dead limbs in the pond, growing behind their property on HOA property. The property owner has not contacted the Board about this. The retention pond was still holding water. Because of excessive amount of rain the area has experienced lately drainage has been an issue resulting in the pond not been able to dry out enough to be properly mowed. The pond does have grass and weeds growing in it.

The Board has a meeting with Mr. Cummings of Fabre Engineer scheduled on September 8, 2021 concerning drainage issues. Mr. Cummings will be questioned as to possible solutions to this issue. Mr. Lord stated mowing while the ponds still retain water requires specialized equipment which is very costly and not readily available.

Questions were raised about filing a complaint about the blocked drainage ditches at the YMCA and High School which contribute to the lack of drainage for the HOA retention ponds.

Ideas were volleyed about how to emphasize that Homeowners should address their concerns about the retention ponds to the Board of Directors and complaining to the City should not be done lightly. If fines are assessed this will affect all Homeowners in the form of special assessments as there are not enough funds available to cover fines like these.

*Lynn Nuttall*

Submitted by Lynn Nuttall, Secretary, Board of Directors, Ashford Park HOA

