

+++Minutes February 21, 2019 Foley Library

Call meeting to order by Jerry Delmont

Pledge by Jerry Delmont and introduce Asa Baugher (attorney)

Present: Jerry Delmont, Ralph Lewandowski, Robert Whitton, Joy Rowland, Dana Gifford, Carol Zambrano, Teri Mellies, Asa Baugher

Jerry Delmont: We hope to focus on three main things this year.

- 1) Property Values is important. We must look at what homes around us are selling for and see what we can do to get our homes sold for the best possible price.
- 2) Curb Appeal is one way we can achieve better property values. Each home has curb appeal and the entire neighborhood projects curb appeal. Even little things can make a difference.
- 3) Cost is important to everyone. As we take on any activity, we will look at ways to complete it in a way to save money for the POA.
- 4) We must have a long-term maintenance plan for all our ponds, not just one year or two. We need some data to start that plan. We need to measure the silt in the Hickory Pond to determine how much is coming into the pond each year and that will give us the best estimate of how often it needs to be cleaned. In addition, we will consult with Leslie GaHagan, the city environmental engineer, to determine the correct volume of silt. We need to look at our clippings from mowing that go into the streets, the drainage and ultimately into Hickory Pond. If you pay to get your lawn mowed, and your landscaper sends those clippings into our street, you pay twice. Because eventually, those clippings must be taken out of the pond.
- 5) The 2018 Board voted to have the ditches filled on the East side of Hickory pond. Due to the weather, this was never done. We are going to try to get that done—hopefully in April or May depending on the weather.
- 6) People have asked to have our attorney to speak to the city about their responsibility for our ponds/drainage. That is something they will do but it will take time. NO MATTER the outcome, we cannot wait and let our ponds fill up with cat tails and weeds. We must continue to maintain our ponds.

Ralph Lewandowski (Architecture Chair) is working with Joy Rowland on a project to update and improve our entrances on Hickory and Park. Ralph is working to get our electricity and water turned on through Riviera at the lowest deposit rate possible. In addition, Ralph is working on complaints from homeowners about a company soliciting within the neighborhood and working a business out of the home. Ralph emphasized the need for signs not to be on homeowner property. Also, trailers cannot be in driveways. This has been settled in court. If you need to have a boat in the drive, email

the architectural committee and you will get your approval. If construction is being done, a city permit (yellow) should be displayed in clear view.

Joy Rowland: Beautification Committee and Welcome Committee: The reason for looking into having a facelift at the two entrances was three factors: (1) Property Values—Make a good first impression on people driving through. (2) Morale—Joy felt from her perspective it would be nice to see a little money spent on something homeowners could see-something positive. (3) Security and Safety—Very soon our traffic will increase even more on Park. Drivers need to be aware they are going through a residential area. Joy welcomed Tony and Caroline Teoli on Ashburn Lane. In addition, Lynn and Tom Nutall, a new family on Park, were present and received a warm round of applause.

Carol Zambrano Nomination Chair: Carol is looking into venues for the annual meeting in January of 2020. She is looking at price, and acoustics. At this time, she had not visited any sites but after she visits, she will report and the Board can vote. Sites included at this point: Wolf Bay, Civic Center, Wharf, Graham Creek Nature Preserve

Dana Gifford Treasurer: After closing account with The Property Shop, we began an account with Centennial Bank in Foley. We have two accounts. The Pond account has \$20,031. The General Account has \$76,707. Currently, we have 87 members who have either partially paid or not paid. Letters will go out in April to anyone owing dues at that time. Dana highly complimented Laura Daily who assisted her in transitioning POA funds. She explained that Laura used different methods (paper, etc.) Dana is a working girl and uses Quicken. This is not necessarily better it just works better for her; it generates reports and she says the secretary can even produce the reports.

Teri Mellies (Secretary) There were no minutes available from 2018 which made starting everyone's job harder to begin. Bills were still going to the Property Shop. Currently, records are with Ann Vaultrain (auditor) and will proceed to Grant Sanders and Taylor to have the taxes done. This is a necessity but has made figuring out billing, vendors, etc. a little more difficult. In 2019, Ashford Park POA has taken over its domain and website; previously, these were run by someone outside the association. The website and domain run at no cost, thanks to Kenny Winters, our neighbor and local business man at "St Nicks Knives" in Target. Kenny was very generous in offering to pay for both. The Board voted to make two new purchases which have not been used in the past, to our knowledge, first, in 2018 the Board purchased a new HP laptop. In 2019 we purchased a recorder for \$130.00 to record minutes at all meetings. Minutes are legally required. We also purchased Quicken to use for our finances (\$105.00)

Finally, we started 2019 with 8 members. One member, Rodney Williamson, has not shown up for any meetings. We have tried every method to communicate, including going to his house twice (Jerry) As a result, the Board voted that Rodney is no longer a member. However, over the past weeks, I received one email regarding Board membership and the name may sound familiar. JoAnne Fisher, who ran for Trustee,

sent an email. She said that if there was ever an opening on the Board, she would like to help in anyway she could. I would like to propose to the Board, and see if there is any discussion, that JoAnne Fisher be added as the eighth member of the Board. Jerry Delmont seconded.

Robert Whitton stated that he felt the Board needed to have a private meeting. We need to know about people. What are her qualifications. We need to know about these people. We can't throw just anyone on the board. Myself, I owned three corporations. I worked for two of the richest corporations. We need a private meeting.

Carol Zambrano stated that JoAnne had given her qualifications at the annual meeting.

Jerry Delmont said to go on and take the vote. Teri Mellies said to this was her bad, she has JoAnne's letter in front of her and she should have started with that. JoAnne and her husband Charlie who passed away,

- Volunteered for the Chamber of Commerce in Foley
- Were Meals on Wheels volunteers for years
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors
- JoAnne is there for anyone who calls

Roll call vote: Passes unanimously. Welcome to the Board JoAnne.

Teri explained a new procedure to allow residents to speak and/or ask questions. Homeowners were given notecards to put their name and a brief question or topic. They folded the cards and put them into a box. Carol Zambrano randomly picked out a card, read the name and the person either spoke or asked their question. Time limit: 3 minutes. Some questions were for the Board and some for the attorney.

Jerry Delmont Adjourn meeting.