

September 25, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Jack Mermod at 6:05PM. Directors present: Jack Mermod, Mark Weiner, Joan Fuquay. Bill Simonson on vacation, Chris Soule not available.

Previous Meeting Minutes Approval

Joan Fuquay-motion to approve Aug. 28, 2024, Board Meeting minutes, second-Mark Weiner, all in favor, motion passed.

Director Reports

*Announcement- The Recreation Rules revision approved last month has been posted on the website, and will be emailed to members tomorrow, Aug. 29th to allow for member feedback.

Finance

Joan Fuquay-I plan to talk with Wendy, our bookkeeper to request reductions in the number of monthly financial reports to reduce her billing. We will double check on the requirements per Davis Sterling.

Greenbelt

Jack Mermod-RCD – Resource Conservation District will be providing more grant money to clear greenbelt/common areas in GR. The next areas scheduled are C-13, C-14, and the Recreation Area including the disc golf course. Schedule TBA.

Cornerstone Land Services was here last week for 3 days and removed 7 hazardous trees in the greenbelt, removed and trimmed many trees surrounding the tennis court and pool area to reduce the leaves, pine needles falling on the court and in/around the pool and deck.

Recreation

Jack Mermod-the pool closed for the season on September 8th. We made the last chemical purchase for the year and stocked up for next season. This year the plan for winter will be to run the pumps on low speeds rather than shut down completely and winterize.

The Gym is open from 8:00AM to 8:00PM. We will look at usage reports for future reference.

We will post pool closed for the season signs in the pool area.

Fire Safe Council

Sherry Hawk- There is still a ban on burning, despite the recent rain. Some people were burning near Gold Ridge Trail were reported and were fined by fire department.

RCD is managing many parts of recent grants along with the US Forest Service. The plan is to treat our disc golf course, Onyx Trail, Mayflower Rd. off Sly Park Rd. that backs up to GR property. The contractor is Joe Garrett Forestry and most likely not until December, weather permitting.

There is a Wildfire Ready Event here at the Lodge on Thursday, September 26th at 6:30. This is to allow residents to take part in the Wildfire Protection Plan to join the meeting and voice concerns and feedback and participate in completing a survey. This meeting is open to all Pollock Pines residents. There is a second event on October 5th for a regional meeting in Pollock Pines, more info. TBA. The presenters are Rich Wade and Sherry Hawk.

The Firewise Certificate which expires 12/31/24, we are working on the new application due in November to get the certification renewed.

Open Forum-Members may address the board about matters involving owning property and/or living in Gold Ridge Forest.

Sherry Hawk-Thank you Joan Fuquay for all help with the Craft Faire / Chili Cook Off.

New Business

1-(JM) Recreation Lights Upgrade-Review Quotes and vote:

Joan Fuquay-motion to approve the bid from Brooke Electric for \$7,120, second-Jack Mermod, discussion: vote; all in favor, motion passed.

2-(JM)Parking lot re-seal-review quotes and vote. We received several quotes, met with Sierra Nevada Sealcoating, per their advice we could combine walkways and parking lot work to be done at the same time. All directors agreed to move this project to 2025.

3-(JM) Tractor Purchase, John Deere 3025e w/ attachments-Review Quotes and vote. I checked with our general liability insurance agent to confirm there will be no change in our premium for coverage. Detailed discussion topics: grounds employees feedback, experience operating tractors, the dealer will provide safety training upon delivery. Safety equipment includes safety belts and roll bar, Fire Safe Council endorses idea, fuel options, basic machine not requiring high level maintenance, benefit to GR vs paying clearing contractors for all work.

Jack Mermod-motion to approve purchase from Pape Machinery, Dixon, authorize up to \$32,000 to include accessories: rotary cutter, root grapple, landscape rake, safety equipment: second- Mark Weiner, all in favor: Jack Mermod-aye, Mark Weiner-aye, Joan Fuquay-aye, motion passed.

4-(MW)-Proposal to form Committee for Lodge Use. Last month Dogwood Garden Club requested to use the Lodge for a meeting, after discussion a vote was taken the board was stalemated, 2 votes-aye, 2 votes -nay and 1 vote to abstain. After the meeting I researched the topic, and many comments were made on Facebook. GR needs to create rules on the use of the lodge, I would like to chair the committee, any member can join, no more than 5, send email to give notice to members.

Mark Weiner-motion to create this committee, second- Jack Mermod, all in favor: MW-aye, JM-aye, JF-aye, motion passed.

5-(JM) Move operating funds to reserves in addition to quarterly contributions;

Jack Mermod-motion to table until October meeting, second- MW- all in favor; motion passed.

6-(JM)-Pool Furniture purchase approval.

Jack Mermod-motion to authorize up to \$3,500 reserve funds for pool furniture, second- MW- all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59PM.