

Everett Farms Homeowners' Association (EFHOA) Board of Directors Meeting

Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 Time: 7:00 p.m. Via Microsoft Teams

March 22, 2021 Minutes

(approved 8/11/2021 meeting)

Board Attendees: John Saltzgaber, Delaney McKinley, Tom Borden, Karen Glickman, Cary Ford, John McKinley, Sharon Saltzgaber, Randi Stanulis, Chuck Williams

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by John Saltzgaber, EFHOA President. Delaney McKinley, VP, hosted the on-line meeting with Microsoft Teams.

Board Comments re Coyote Issue – John Saltzgaber

John S. asked that Board members comment on the coyote problem that has been discussed in the past few weeks. There have been several communications between Board members. There have been several complaints about coyote sightings from neighbors. The Board discussed several options on coyote control.

Cary Ford has seen coyotes in his part of the neighborhood for years. Seems to be an uptick this year. He is concerned about hiring a service to trap the coyotes because of the expense, and also because they will most likely repopulate. They add balance to the environment. We have no jurisdiction over Sleepy Hollow subdivision and there is a homeowner there who regularly feeds the deer. Deer are attractive to coyotes.

Sharon S. has never seen a coyote. However, her neighbor two houses down from her has seen them.

Karen G. talked about educating the neighbors to keep garbage and dog food inside garages or houses. Coyotes will scavenge for food, especially at this time of year. However, not sure about trapping them. They hunt rabbits and scare the deer and our neighborhood is overrun with these two pests.

John McK suggested that it is very difficult to change people's habits. The coyotes will populate to an increased food supply.

Delaney agrees with the remarks. Not sure they are drawn to garbage. We need to assess how big a problem this is. The expense is hefty.

Cheryl Orr added that she doesn't see the value of trapping 3-5 coyotes if we have a really large herd of them. The herd will balance relative to the food source. This expense is not in the budget.

Tom B. said that he heard there are at least 100 coyotes in the area. We need to eliminate the food source, not the coyotes. We can't trap 100 of them.

Randi S. asked if this is a nuisance or a danger. Do we feel threatened? Need to assess the neighborhood feeling. If we trap and kill a few, is the expense sustainable?

Coyotes travel many miles for meals.

Chuck W. asked what the legal implications are. John answered that the township takes no responsibility, and it is up to the property owner.

John S. If we want to pay to trap coyotes, we could pay for this. There is money in the budget.

Tom B. agreed that there are a few places in the budget from which to take \$\$.

Cary suggested that noise, dog whistles might work.

Randi suggested that we communicate with the neighborhood that the EFHOA Board is making a good faith effort, but that the home and dog owners are responsible for their yard.

John McK offered to talk to the township staff person in charge of the deer culling project to see if they would consider culling some of the coyotes.

Delaney McKinley moved to support *Option 2* with a second from Cary Ford to inform members that we will continue our communication and monitoring of coyotes. Discussion followed with a question of timing – could this action take place at a later time? John S. said that it could, and he would draft a statement and send it to the committee on Tuesday. John called for approval. Hearing no further comments, the Board voted approval of supporting Option 2.

<u>Grounds Committee – John McKinley</u>

John M. reported that the landscape project, phase 2 (year 2?) will probably begin next week.

National Night Out

Set date for August 3. The Meridian Twp officer might be able to attend. We'll put in a request for fire truck, police and McGruff.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm