

5/13/2021  
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Karen Rollman  
Lon Wiese  
Mark Sentman  
Michelle McGregor

Absent:  
Mike Reeves

On 5-12-2021 it was brought to the PLE HOA's Board's attention that

1. Limbs from 2 trees wholly on HOA common area property along SE 33<sup>rd</sup> PL were removed. The branches were cut off right at the trunk.
2. The tree debris from the above activity was deposited on HOA property.

Board members met today, May 13<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the situation in the HOA common area along SE 33<sup>rd</sup> PL.

Since the trees were adjacent to Arnie Alger's property, Lon sent an email correspondence to Mr. Alger inquiring about the tree debris. In an email correspondence with Mr. Wiese, Mr. Alger acknowledged cutting HOA owned trees. He states, "I did cut limbs from the trees behind my house in the HOAs common area". Prior to his action, Mr. Alger did not discuss the situation with the HOA, nor did he receive permission to cut limbs from these HOA owned trees.

In the email correspondence, Mr. Alger:

1. requested that the HOA pay to have the debris hauled away.
2. indicated that he considers the trees to be a hazard. Mr. Alger stated, "the trees have not been maintained by the HOA over the years and present a hazard and potential liability as far as I am concerned".

Regarding this situation, the HOA board believes the following:

1. Mr. Alger had the right to remove tree limbs that reached into his yard by cutting them off at the property line but no further. Mr. Alger violated Washington State law RCW64.12.030. by removing tree limbs past the property line (cutting branches off at the trunk) without prior HOA consent.

2. Mr. Alger needs to remove the debris at his own expense. If Mr. Alger is unwilling to do so, the HOA will have a landscape company remove the debris and charge Mr. Alger \$120 for reimbursement.
3. Because Mr. Alger has notified the HOA that he considers the trees a hazard, the board feels compelled that, due to potential liabilities, the HOA will engage an arborist to evaluate the trees' condition and document their findings to the board.

Mr. Sentman will write an email to Mr. Alger signed by all the board members reviewing the options presented to Mr. Alger.