

CLAIRBORNE MAINTENANCE CORPORATION

Minutes for Quarterly Meeting April 9, 2013

Board Members/Officers

President	Tom Sarnecky	19 Airdrie Dr	836-4455
Vice- President	Mary Joe Metz	34 Eaton Place	832-5584
Secretary	Sharon Massello	66 Eaton Place	834-1889
Treasurer	Cookie Burget	2 Whitaker Court	834-4252
Member at large	Keith Snyder	6 Whitaker Court	

Committees

Architectural Committee	Ground and Maintenance Committee
Mike Hudson 834-6516	
George Holstein	
John Walsh 836-4953	

Meeting was called to order at New Castle County Conservation Center at 7:04 PM

Introductions of Board and community members in attendance were made. Of note, Senator Bethany Hall-Long was also in attendance.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved

Treasurer's Report:

Of 215 ballots mailed to community members, 116 replies were received. All were in favor of the budget. Therefore, the 2013 budget was approved.

Keith Snyder was nominated for a board position, as was Deb Dolan for secretary. They will be contacted, and asked if they wish to accept their nominations.

The Maintenance Corporation taxes were filed. Currently, all monies collected are in 2 M&T bank accounts (money market savings and checking.) This year has seen a decline in interest income. Discussion followed as to possibly changing banks in order to obtain better interest rates. Also noted was \$100.00 per month income received from Handler for signage displayed on Clairborne property at the corner of Lexington Parkway and Denny Road.

The current policy for collection of dues in arrears was also reiterated. After 2 years of non-payment, Neighborhood Resources is contacted to collect from the delinquent account. They collect not only the Maintenance Corporation dues, but also a \$150.00 collection fee to cover their expenses.

Grounds & Maintenance: The contract for grass cutting has been finalized with Clean Cutt. They have been cutting the grass since 2007. The schedule will be twice monthly

for \$450.00 per cut from April through October. They will edge the curb and walkway every 6 weeks.

Architectural Committee:

A resident wanted clarification on the post and rail fencing; and whether or not wood was specified or if a composite material might be used. A discussion then ensued as to whether black vinyl fencing might also be allowed around pools and how residents might enact a change on deed restrictions. Mike will be contacted to determine if deed restrictions do indeed specify wood for the post and rail fences.

Old Business:

We are still trying to obtain a copy of the police report in reference to property damage to the open space on January 12th. Senator Bethany Hall-Long said her office can help with that.

New Business:

April 27th is the Spring Yard Sale held in conjunction with Rose Hill 7am-2 pm.

There is concern over possible sink holes in the open space. There were some in the past near the main drain that had been repaired. Senator Hall-Long's office can assist with these concerns. Please alert board members if you see any possible sink holes.

Also, please curb your pets.

The community web page is up; individual postings not permitted at this time. Please contact a board member to post. Legality of an "Angies list" type posting debated. A Resident reported an incident with 5 Star or Patriot Home Improvements which prompted him to contact the District Attorney's office.

The 25 mph speed limit sign is missing from Lexington Parkway. Senator Hall-Long has a meeting with DelDot to address the speeding issue in Clairborne. A resident wondered about a possible speed bump at Lexington and Airdrie/Denny Roads. DelDot feels no need for one there because the back of the houses face the road.

Senator Hall-Long would like to have a combined meeting with Clairborne, Rose Hill and Brennan Estates residents along with Del Dot to discuss the coming changes to Denny Road.

Also, a public meeting concerning the new proposed new development on 896 is coming soon

Kudos given to the Rose Hill resident who beautifies the entrance of Clairborne with flowers.

Discussion over decreasing property values, curb appeal, and properties not being well maintained was started. The feasibility and legality of starting a beautification fund/and

or lottery which could be used to provide low interest loans or manual labor to property owners for such home improvements was entertained. This project was deemed out of the scope of the Maintenance Corporation by laws. A suggestion was made to create a separate civic association which could perform these functions.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.