

Forest Oaks Subdivision Homeowners Association

Board Meeting Minutes - Video Conference
February 8, 2022

Board Members Present:

Karen Diamond - President
Gus Argandona - Treasurer
Sheree La Plante - Recording Secretary

Homeowners in Attendance:

Steve Young	Karol Watkins	Bob Diamond
Herta Fischer	Terry Levitt	John La Plante
Rene Bernedac	Jeff Howland	

Rental Issues

5380 MATTHEW CT - Property is being rented as a AirBnB for less than the minimum rental period of one (1) month. This is in violation of Article III Section 26 of the HOA Covenants. Rentals must be for at least one month in length.

5390 MATTHEW CT - 1) Property renters are violating the parking regulations of the community. 1) Violation of Article III Section 8 of the HOA Covenants. All automobiles should be parked on permanent concrete or other approved material. No portion of driveways shall be located within five (5) feet of the side line of the lot not within five (5) feet of such line extended to the pavement of the street. Renter has commercial trailer on parked on the property . 2) Violation of Article III Section 15 of the HOA Covenants. No vehicle shall be parked in the subdivision except on a paved driveway or inside a garage. No trucks or vehicles which are used for commercial purposes, other than those present on business, nor any trailers, may be parked in the subdivision unless inside a garage and concealed from public view. 3) Nuisance - renters have an automobile parked on the driveway of 5400 Matthew, which is presently unoccupied. The HOA has hired a gardener to take care of the front lawn of the lot. Due to said parked automobile the gardener is unable to maintain the lawn.

Owner Issues

5345 MATTHEW CT 1) Violation of Article III Section 15 of the HOA Covenants. Boats, boat trailers, campers, vans, motor homes, motorcycles, recreational vehicles and any vehicle not in operating condition shall be permitted to be parked in the Subdivision only will loading or unloading or while parked inside a garage or concealed from public view. No maintenance or repair of any boat or vehicle shall be permitted upon any Lot except within an enclosed garage.

5400 MATTHEW CT Due to ongoing health issues owner is not able to provide maintenance of the house or lawn. The HOA has hired a gardener to take care of the front lawn of the lot. Sarasota County has been informed of the abandoned property and has provided some pest control in the past. Per county personnel the HOA is not allowed to maintain any property located behind the fences.

5415 MATTHEW CT 1) Violation of Article III Section 8 of the HOA Covenants. All automobiles should be parked on permanent concrete or other approved material. No portion of driveways shall be located within five (5) feet of the side line of the lot not within five (5) feet of such line extended to the pavement of the street. Renter has commercial trailer on parked on the property . Property owner states they will be extending current driveway to correct this violation.

General Concerns

There is are ongoing issues with the maintenance of yards for rental and owner occupied homes. Article III Section 20 No weeds , underbrush or unsightly growth shall be permitted to grow or remain uncut or unmowed upon any lot. This issue includes maintenance of the drainage swails in the back portion of each lot. Grass, weeds, etc. Should be kept cut down. In the event that the swail area becomes overgrown the drainage of storm water is reduced causing water issues for some properties.

When maintaining of yards please note: *Florida statute: Sec. 54-1031. - Management of grass clippings and vegetative material. In no case shall grass clippings, vegetative material, and/or vegetative debris either intentionally or accidentally, be washed, swept, or blown off into stormwater drains, ditches, conveyances, water bodies, or roadways. (Ord. No. 2007-062, § 13, 8-27-2007)*

The Certification of the Forest Oaks Subdivision Homeowners Association will expire in October 2024. The Association will need to update the Covenants and By-Laws and re-submit certification of the HOA. Several Homeowners have commented that the HOA should be disbanded. Please note the HOA is responsible for the street lights and maintenance of the two preserves at the north end of the street and the pond at the south end of the street. In light of those responsibilities it is not permitted to disband the association.

It was suggested that we have the HOA Lawyer speak at the 2022 HOA meeting to discuss this situation with HOA member's.

Submitted by: Sheree La Plante