

Minutes
21 September 2022
Foxvale Farm Homeowners' Association
HOA Board Meeting

HOA Board Members	Present?
Tom Hixon	Y
Dolly Whelan	Y
Ann Kainec	Y
Linda Koppier	Y
Kathy Allen	Y
Scott Hertling	Y
Randy Long	Y
Jordan Sembower	Y
Megan Stinson	Y
Others	
Dave Clark (ACC)	Y
Nancy Keefe (ACC)	Y
Robin Marusin (ACC)	Y

Agenda:

- Approval of the Board minutes from the July 2022 Board Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Common Area Maintenance Report
- Architectural Control Committee Report
- Trash Survey Status Report

Discussion:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.
- The minutes were approved for the July 2022 HOA Board meeting (there was no meeting in August 2022).
- Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer's report will be sent separately.
 - The October meeting will begin the discussion for the 2023 budget.
 - The HOA would need to raise dues by 3% to cover the costs of automating the collection of homeowner dues. This topic will be discussed further in a later meeting.
- Common Area Maintenance Report
 - Mr. Long reported that 10-12 dead trees need to be cut down. He has estimates from Kelly Tree Services of \$8900 to remove 8 trees, to include the large pine and another tree on McMillen (\$3200), a dead tree behind 907 Riva Ridge Dr.

(12' in circumference with poison ivy, \$1200), a few along Wynkoop Dr. and others behind Riva Ridge Dr.). We are currently under budget for this category leaving more funds for additional tree removal in November, if needed. A motion was made to approve the request for \$8900 for tree removal and the motion was approved.

- The community fall clean-up date will be Saturday, 10/29/2022 with a back-up date of Sunday, 10/30/2022.
- Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Report
 - Paint color request: Motion was made to add a dark blue paint color to the paint palette in the Architectural Control Guidelines (ACG) and the motion was approved.
 - Doors Styles:
 - There are several doors with frosted glass that are not in compliance.
 - The ACC will draft the letter explaining the changes and the HOA Board will send it out.
 - A motion was made for the HOA Board to rescind the vote from October 2017 approving several doors and that motion was approved, with one abstention.
 - The ACC and the HOA Board will work on methodologies to address violations and get them back into compliance.
 - A motion was made to approve the new ACC recommended door styles and that motion was approved by the HOA Board. The approved door styles will be added to the HOA website.
 - In the near future, the ACC will address updated rules for pool enclosures and solar panels. The ACG guidelines for solar panels need to be updated to comply with Fairfax County requirements.
- Trash Survey Status Report
 - There were 100 submissions out of 115 houses to the trash survey.
 - 85 out of the 100 homes are interested in having one trash company and including the fees in the HOA dues.
 - 73 respondents preferred Haulin' Trash, 23 respondents preferred Republic, and the rest wanted American.
 - There were several negative comments regarding American's service.
 - At least one homeowner is paying \$60 a month to Republic. Another neighbor is paying \$100 per quarter.
 - One homeowner voiced concern about safety for pick-up on the pipestems.

- If the HOA decides to go with one trash hauler and trash pick-up becomes part of the HOA covenants, all homeowners will be required to participate.
- Concern was voiced that Haulin' Trash may not be able to scale up for our neighborhood.
- Discussion:
 - The driving force for consolidating the HOA's trash service into the HOA covenant was that it would reduce traffic, reduce the cost, provide better service, and/or provide one pick-up schedule for trash with one set of trucks.
 - If there are issues with trash pick-up service, the HOA Board would be handling the neighbors' calls to handle trash pick-up issues.
 - There is concern about damage to the pipestems.
 - Who would handle the administration of this contract, sign-up of neighbors for the service, etc.?
 - There is concern that a sizeable portion of the neighborhood will not be happy with the results (for example, not like the vendor, the level of service). The HOA Board would not be able to accommodate everyone's needs.
 - Fairfax County is trying to get American to improve their service with little success.
- There were not enough affirmatives from the survey to support amending the HOA covenants.
- The HOA Board discussion did not support moving forward with the change to the HOA covenants.
- Mr. Sembower will provide a write-up to the neighborhood with the results of the discussion and the reasons for the HOA Board's decision.
- Fairfax County recently held a meeting regarding the Dark Skies Initiative. It appears that our neighborhood will be grandfathered but specifics were not available for discussion during the HOA meeting.
- There is an HOA rule that cars are to be parked in the homes' garages or their driveways. This issue will need to be addressed in a future meeting.
- Scott Hertling resigned from the HOA Board effective at the end of the meeting.
- The motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Board is October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Great Falls Library.