



2024 Laurel Ridge Board of Directors Quarterly Board Meeting – September 14, 2024

Meeting called to order at 10:11 a.m.

Attendees:

- Representing the Board: Pete Maglione, Pete Demilio and Ray VanAssche
- Residents in Attendance: Sharon Papp, Crook Family, Barb Carey, and Asif Ullah

Pete Maglione greeted everyone and thanked all for coming.

Pete then gave a special acknowledgement and sincere thanks to all volunteers who have helped with watering the new playground area plantings were acknowledged and thanked.

- **Communication Committee Chair Update**

- Special thanks given to Ali Crook for her exceptional efforts in creating and distributing the quarterly newsletter. Barbara Carey is also joining the committee to help – thank you Barbara.
- Quarterly Communications Updated info:
 - Adding snake information with links which will also be posted on the Laurel Ridge website.
 - adding pet spotlight from the pet perspective ((solicitations will be requested from all residents to participate)
 - adding recipe submission section (solicitations will be requested from all residents to participate)
 - Hoping to receive the Community Event (Movie Nite) details prior to publication
 - Quarterly publication is anticipated by the end of the month

- **Community Event Committee Chair Update**

- Thank you again to Emily Smith for chairing. Emily was not present and Board was unable to get an update directly from her. Sharon Papp and Ali Crook are on the committee and informed all that a Movie night was scheduled for 10/5 and rain date of 10/12 at Michael & Julie Wilcox's home was agreed upon. RSVP from board to go out as soon as details are provided. Sharon Papp agreed to update

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Board on committee meeting date, attendees, ideas discussed, along with movie selection.

- **Walk-through Committee Volunteers**

- No volunteers to date, even after repeated requests.
- Nathan Crook, Pete Demilio and Raymond VanAssche volunteered to conduct the next walk-through

- **Financial Update**

- July's financial balance sheet was distributed and discussed.
- Sharon mentioned the need for new Christmas bows for the entrance and having a pre-made ones purchased and it was approved at the meeting.
 - Barb noted a possible solution from the Dollar store as they currently had weatherproofed large, structured bows in stock.
 - Board approved new Christmas decoration purchases to stay within the allocated budget

- **Bridge over creek removal**

- Nathan Crook confirmed that it has been removed

- **New Playground Set**

- There has been no updated provided by Lisa O'Conner
- Staying within a \$5k budget will be difficult for the type of required equipment to be installed in an HOA Community.
- If the residents insist on replacing the current equipment at a higher budget, (\$20k-\$25k is required for HOA approved equipment) 75% of neighborhood needs to approve with the possibility of an additional assessment to complete the purchase
- Pete Demilio and Nathan Crook have agreed to check into the current equipment used at Free Home Elementary to determine if it is available for our use.

- **New voting process**

- Board is evaluating multiple software solutions to determine the best fit/cost for our 2025 election process.

- **Additional items discussed:**

- Halloween party notice will be sent out by the end of the month.
- Pete Demilio requested to get quotes to repaint the entrance signage

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- Cherokee County mentioned the potential for resurfacing our street within a 1-year timeframe. Board will keep residents informed.
- There is a badly raised section of sidewalk at the bottom of the cul-de-sac (section over the storm drain) that has now become a trip hazard. Cherokee County has been contacted multiple times with no response. Pete Demilio has offered to reach out to his contact to have resolved.
- Barb Carey asked to have a best decorated home for Christmas contest (to foster more community participation) with winner taking a \$50 gift certificate – details to come and it will be run by the Communications Committee once it is approved by the Board.
 - The Board will notify residents on any updates

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