

Barrington Cottage Homes
Property Owners Association, Inc.
Newsletter

Our Annual Meeting was held on June 5th. Board members present were Jim Maness (President), Gene Reisinger (Treasurer), Beth Evans (Secretary), Keith Hall (Member) & Stephany Sturgeon (SMG) Absent was Tom Worthington (member) due to illness. Members from 27 residences were present.

The Meeting was brought to order by Jim and a brief discussion concerning last year's budget ensued. The recent vendor changes for snow and lawn maintenance was next with a very positive feedback as to their performance. The proposed 2020 Budget was then discussed in detail. Jim stated that the cost savings for a change in vendors for pond treatment would help offset the increased cost for changing fertilization vendors but that it would still require an increase in quarterly assessments. A vote was taken to change both vendors and the 2020 budget was then approved.

The Quarterly dues amount will be increased to \$215 from its current rate of \$210.

An open discussion was next. T. McCormick asked to be notified in advance as to when a fertilization treatment is going to be applied. It was proposed that a notice be posted on the website. J. Morris brought up that the different colors of green in the grass isn't normal. M. Serletic stated that her neighbors have weeds in their yards. The Board will be soliciting bids for the 2020 fertilization and attempt to address all of the above issues. T. McCormick asked why we don't get a bid from Vargas Bros. to do the fertilization. Jim stated that he had already pursued that idea; however, Vargas informed him that they do not have the required state and city licensing or the hazardous chemical insurance.

A Vote was taken on whether or not to have the BBQ. The Majority in attendance voted by raised hands to have the BBQ. Funding will be provided from the excess in snow removal funds due to the minimal snowfall this past year. Volunteers for the BBQ committee were Sue Sheehy, Shirley Rhody, Linda Simmons and Debbie Maness

Discussion followed on the damage to a lawn in the WaxWing cul-de-sac. The damage was 4-5 feet away from the driveway so our snow crews would have had no reason to be plowing that far from a driveway. After the board looked at the damage and location, it was determined that the City of Hobart was to blame. Residents who live on a curve or cul-de-sac could help the city snow plows by putting in driveway markers indicating where the curb of the street is and this would lessen the plow damage.

An election was then held for (3) Board members. We had 1 new resident, Jeff Morris, volunteer to have his name added to the ballot. Jeff introduced himself and gave a quick bio.

Ballots were collected and counted by Stephany along with the proxies. Results were as follows: Beth Evans, Keith Hall and Gene Reisinger received the most votes. Gene Reisinger asked if he could yield/give all his votes to Jeff. There being no objection from the floor Jeff was elected to fill Gene's position.

A request was made for a committee to help take care of the entrance stone and pump house plantings. Margaret O'Brien and Mary Toth volunteered to help with the upkeep of these two areas.

Members in attendance were informed that a landscaping audit was being prepared and violation letters will be forth coming in the next week or two. Everyone has a responsibility to maintain the appearance of their residence. Weeding and trimming of your landscaping needs to be done regularly. Several notices of the impending audit have been sent out, one being in the annual meeting letter. Everyone will have 30 days to comply with the notice.

M. Serletic mentioned the tree stump on WaxWing needs to be removed.

Post lamps: The association is only responsible for the light sensor and light bulbs. Any other repair is the responsibility of the homeowner including the painting of the post.

K. Topping mentioned that they used to get the signed architectural request back and she would like for that to be implemented again.

T. McCormick requested that the ditch be mowed by the golf course.

There being no other business or questions a motion to adjourn was made and seconded.