

Blairstone Forest Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda 6/4/2015

Board Members in attendance:
Bill Walter - President
Cainnon Gregg - Vice President
Jane McElroy - Treasurer

6:06 pm meeting called to order

Minutes from the April Board Meeting will be approved by email.

Updates:

1. The pond and beaver: Dr. McGlynn provided the following update: The algae bloom has been cleared, grass is in the big pond now and will help stabilize the pond. The grate is broken and needs to be replaced with a metal grate. Beavers recently came in the pond by breaking through the grate.. Now that they're in the pond it is okay for them to stay, and they are eating the seedlings. The larger trees are sweet gums and they are eating those trees. They are not eating the water oaks. We were going to remove the old trees that were dying on the island and by the bridge but now the beavers are using them as their habitat. They are scared of people so shouldn't be a problem for biting anybody. Right now, we can leave the beavers alone because the trees they are eating are weed species- so if they stop these trees from growing, it will save us money. If we leave the beavers alone, they shouldn't be a problem.

About the geese- Our pond is not a true goose habitat but we have a good group of them now. Lots of pictures are on Next Door. One of our geese came from Goose Creek - nature habitat, who also has some Wood Duck babies. If we put in Wood Duck boxes now, they can be utilized in the future.

Need to manage the forest and focus on getting rid of coral ardesia, nandina, chinese tallow and poison ivy in the common areas.

2. Drains- Don Hurst (has been previously approved) is cleaning the drains on Silverwood, and will then see if grading needs to be done.

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3. Trees: Trees in common areas were reviewed by Stan with the University of Florida. The state has reclassified the categories of hazardous trees as risk, high risk and low risk. Six trees have been identified in common area as needing to be removed. The following bids have come in:

Crickets - \$3700.00

Big Bend - \$2300* will be going with

AAA - \$2975

The Board unanimously voted to go ahead with Big Bend. Christie will call Big Bend. The next Hazardous Tree Review will be later in the summer. We will post an update on Next Door. We have been told that some of the trees in the forest could come down in a Category 1 tropical storm. Talk to your neighbors about having trees reviewed on their property.

4. Bridge: We have had two contractors look at the bridge. One says the bridge needs to come down. Another says it could be shored up, and scaled down and fixed. Bill recommended we have an independent engineer, someone who hasn't previously worked in the forest to assess the bridge and determine what needs to be done.

New Business:

1. Fishing: When Warees Smith was President of the Board, according to Jill Harper who was in attendance at this meeting, the Board voted to have no fishing in the pond. Outside people were coming in the neighborhood and fishing and taking all the turtles out. They were leaving trash and hazardous materials. The no fishing signs were put up in 2008. Discussion ensued as to whether the Board had authority to restrict fishing and what impact state laws have regarding our ponds. The Board will contact Warees and determine if homeowners were notified of the previous Board's decision and will ask Dr. McGlynn about the state laws regarding waterways. The Board ask that Bill Wintermute provide any information he had regarding the state laws.

Dr. McGlynn indicated you should not eat the fish in the pond.

2. Cars, Tows and overflow: The Board has been dealing with cars who were unregistered and needed to be removed. Two of the cars have been sold and should be moved in two weeks. The Board has given the homeowners a two week grace period. The cars will be towed if they are not removed within approximately three weeks. Also there is an area at the end of Silverwood at the loop which is designated as overflow parking and residents have been parking in the overflow area rather than parking in their driveways. There have also been issues of residents blocking the street at Silverwood and Brookside. Residents need to be aware that the streets need to be clear so emergency vehicles can get through..

3. Barking Dogs: Three issues have been brought to the Board. Before the Board acts on this, Bill wants to go to the residents first to talk to them. People can call the police to file a nuisance complaint or call animal control if the pet is being put in danger. Also, dogs not on a leash is governed by county ordinance.

4. Relocate *No Trespass* sign at planter: Sign for No Trespassing needs to be moved back to the side. Signs posted to call the police are not valid. The police say the number listed on the sign is not a valid #.

5. Website: It has come to our attention that the Association should own their own website. Bill will set up a workshop with the board to discuss how to handle.

6. Community Garden: Having a community garden near the lookout over the pond is being suggested. Trimming of trees could be opened up more. No cost to the association. Water is there. Need to tap in and participation could be on a first come first serve basis. The Board will look at this idea.

Old Business:

Still need a Grounds Keeper.

Property Management:

- Boardwalk repairs have been completed. Quotes received by Lost Highway Deck and Fence for the Bridge, Ramp and removal of Boardwalk from Silverwood to the small lobe. Waiting on a response from the Boy Scouts regarding making a bench and garbage receptacles. City of Tallahassee code enforcement hearing on the property at 1722 Brookside Blvd was on May 21, 2015. June 30th is the deadline for bringing the property up to code. The street signs have been replaced and posts repainted and new hardware installed.

Questions/Comments:

Capital City is blowing the debris into the pond, off the boardwalks, around the pond, big bridge, little bridge. The Property Manager will look into this.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$10,077.01 in the savings account. \$34,681.60 in checking account. The money market account has a balance of \$11,028.83. The three certificates for the sinking fund have \$4,835.60 in each account.

Other Business:

Discussion ensued that the Board has been lax in posting minutes from the Board meetings. Bill indicated that he will contact Mark Okasako and Marcus Richartz to see if they have recordings or notes from the meeting that can be transcribed and posted. Chapter 720, Florida Statutes, governs community associations and if the Board is not aware of the requirements, they should review and make sure they are following the requirements.

Bill will have his name added as the Board President as a second signature on the Association's checking account.

It is time for the Board to review our covenants as they are over 15 years old. We will work with our Attorney to update the covenants.

Next board meeting August 6, 2015

Meeting adjourned