

BETHANY MEADOWS
RECREATION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

February 1, 2014

President, Phil Brannan, Section 1, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. In addition to Phil, the following Executive Council members were present: Section 2, Myrna Mock, Phase 1, Bruce Kibby, Phase 2, Debbie Muscolino Phase 4, Mark Fischl, and Phase 5, Mike Darcey.

Ellen Erbe, Blue Sky Management, asked if everyone had signed in and if everyone got their proxies back and if not to come forward.

Phil asked for proof of notice of the meeting. Ellen reported that there were enough members present or by proxy, more than 10% of the total membership, to hold a meeting and conduct the business of the association.

Phil asked if there had been any written notification, after the 2013 minutes were sent, claiming a change or correction. Ellen reported there had been none. He then asked those present if anyone had any changes to last year's minutes.

Sue Martin, Phase 5, felt that the wording under Pool Season, Paragraph 4, be changed, with the word "most" being changed to "some" in the first sentence of that paragraph.

Sue made a motion that the word in the minutes of the February 2013 meeting be changed to "some." Don Civitella seconded the motion. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Phil asked if there was any unfinished business from last year.

Trash Company

Don Civitella asked if anything had been done to get just one trash company.

Ellen reported that letters were sent to all Section 1 and 2 owners. Only 40 people responded. Of those forty only two said they would not change, two said they take care of their own trash disposal, 36 said they would change if they could get a better contract. That leaves 56 owners that did not respond. Those owners were called. Only two answered, but said they would change, the remaining were unreachable.

At this time Pam Davis, Section 2, expressed her desire to help with the project. She stated that she is in favor of this and conveyed her feelings regarding the benefits of this change. She volunteered to help call those that have not been reached as she is in communications and has experience with contacting people. Ellen thanked her and will contact her.

Phil stated that the Executive Council will contact an attorney to see if there is a way we can get the change to come about.

Glenn Prettyman said that was a good idea. He suggested we could have a separate meeting of Section 1 and 2 to see if that would be a way to accomplish this. He thought since this, the volume of trucks, could be considered a detriment; the attorney might find something under our right to "pride and enjoyment." He suggested that we move on as there is nothing that could be solved here. Also we have to be able to police what we regulate.

Phil tabled the discussion until the council looks into the matter with an attorney.

Dumpsters

Mary Sturm said when she arrived last night there was a mattress in the dumpster. Ellen stated she knew about the mattress as she had a call about 8:30 and she and Chuck drove over to see if they could catch the illegal dumper. Ms. Sturm also stated that the dumpster was open. Ellen said that illegal dumping is an on-going problem. It was reported that owners from Sections 1 and 2 have been using the condo dumpsters. This is illegal.

Ms Sturm wants another sign placed on the dumpsters that gives Blue Sky's phone number for people to call to report illegal dumping. This will be done although there has been no problem with people calling to report these events.

Bruce Kibby asked if the trash contractor could be contacted and ask to have the drivers make sure the lids are closed. This will be done.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil asked if anyone had any new business to discuss.

Election

Both Phil Brannan, Section 1 and Myrna Mock, Section 2, seats were up for re-election. There were no nominations from the floor. Both council members said they were willing to continue with their same responsibilities. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Sue Martin made a motion to accept the nominations of Phil Brannan and Myrna Mock by affirmation.

Don Civitella seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Gail Partridge, Phase 3, was also up for re-election. She could not attend today, but expressed her desire to continue in the same capacity if there were no other nominations. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Sue Martin made a motion to accept the nomination of Gail Partridge by affirmation.

Glenn Prettyman seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Snow

Sue Martin asked that the council consider the liability involved when the snow turns to ice. The weather this year was very different from other years. Ellen stated that chemicals could not be used because they are not effective if the macadam is not above 20 degrees.

All of Bethany Meadows was plowed.

Ms. Sturm asked if the walkways were supposed to be plowed. The walkway have never been cleared and there is no provision at this time for that. The council will take this under consideration.

Phragmities

Pam Davis said that the phragmities between the townhomes and the Section 2 houses created a wonderful barrier. They were never cut down the first two years she lived here but now they have been cut down. Blue Sky said that it was necessary for drainage. Pam called the Department of Agriculture and they said the phragmities would not cause that problem. Ellen said she frequently uses the resources of the Department of Agriculture and Jessica Watson from DNREC regarding issues in the community. When the phragmities need to be cut this year, they will try to leave a thin line to provide somewhat of a barrier.

Phase 4 Drainage

Nick Shevland, Phase 4, asked if something could be done about the flooding at the swale at the entrance to Phase 4. The water seems to get trapped there creating a flooding problem. Ellen said they would have someone look at it as soon as possible.

Competitive Bids

Nick asked if we go out for competitive bids. Ellen explained that we do for each area of need: pool, landscaping, insurance, road repair, signage, etc. Every contractor must be licensed and insured.

Landscaping

Debbie Muscolino said that the landscaping looked wonderful last season.

Phil asked if anyone had anything additional under new business. No one did.

With no more business to conduct, Phil asked for a motion to adjourn.

Fred Erbacher made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Helen Foti. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Erbe
Blue Sky Management