

BETHANY MEADOWS
RECREATION ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING

February 2, 2013

President, Phil Brannan, Section 1, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. In addition to Phil, the following Executive Council members were present: Section 2, Myrna Mock, Phase 1, Bruce Kibby, Phase 3, Gail Partridge, Phase 4, Mark Watkins-Fischl, Phase 5, Fred Erbacher and Phase 6, Vicki Voll.

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 2012 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. There were none.

Don Civitella made a motion to approve the minutes of last year's meeting. This was seconded by Sandra McGrath. All in Favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

Pool Season

At the 2012 meeting the membership asked to have the pool open, including the week days, from Memorial Weekend through Labor Day. At that time the pool was closed on week days during the first and second weeks of June. It was requested that the pool be open those week days and statistics taken on the pool use. This was done and we have that information today.

Phil presented the statistics. It cost \$2,308.00 for an average of 28 people a day to use the pool during those ten (10) week days in June. This cost is a combination of the attendant wages and some chemical expenses.

With the information presented Ellen said the council needed a motion from the floor either for or against having the pool open the additional ten (10) days.

There was considerable discussion regarding the issue with most members thinking the expense was a problem. Ellen stated the Council working with Blue Sky, had already added the necessary funds to the 2013 Budget to have the pool open for the ten (10) days should the membership vote to have it open.

Sue Martin made a motion that the pool be open, week days in June included, from Memorial Day through Labor Day with the exception of days when it is closed for inclement weather (including a 60 degree temperature) or a contamination that could affect bathers' health. Seconded by Heather Shevland. The Council voted with the majority to have the pool open as stated in the motion. Motion passed with 28 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil asked if anyone had any new business to discuss.

Don Civitella asked what could be done about the number of trash trucks entering the community. Could we just have one trash company for Sections 1 and 2?

Ellen stated that the trash issue was one that she had been working on. A draft letter is being finalized to go to all members of Section 1 and 2. It states the reasons why reducing the numbers of trucks is beneficial and the possibility of service at a more reasonable rate.

John Fahnesstock expressed concerns about the expense of replacing the roads. The excessive number of heavy trash trucks are shortening the life of the roads and causing repairs. He asked if the council could just rule that there is only one company. Phil stated that could not be done due to the way the covenants were written. John asked if the covenants could be updated.

Sue Martin responded saying you must have affirmative votes from homeowners. She thought we would need 66% of the membership and additionally 66% of the banks that hold the mortgages, to vote on the changes,

Ellen stated that it is very difficult and expensive to change the covenants. Changing the covenants is something that is on the mind of the council and the management company.

David Morris, Phase 5, asked when the trash letter would be mailed to the Section 1 and 2 residents. Ellen stated next week.

Donna Darcey suggested that there be fliers put at the pool, if the single trash hauler issue has not been resolved, explaining the seriousness of having just a single hauler. She volunteered to help with this project.

Pool Flowers

Carol Wolek said she noticed that the flowers at the pool were not as nice as they had been the previous year. Ellen explained that we did not have the same landscaper. They did not respond to our request for a proposal. The new landscaper got a late start which was compounded by the unseasonal hot weather which was detrimental to the earlier blooming plants. We hope to have it back to its original grandeur for this season.

The center island is scheduled to be redesigned this spring. The most of the trees are diseased and will be replaced. We will still have annuals at the entrance.

David Morris, Phase 5, asked if the pond was included in grounds budget. Ellen responded that the Beachwood Court pond expense is included in the Beachwood Court budget. We are only talking about the entrance and the pool flowers.

David questioned why Southampton's entrance flowers looked better than ours. Ellen said they have the same landscapers that we have but they have volunteers that check their flowers almost daily and deadhead and weed.

David asked if there was a commitment from the landscapers as to a date when the flowers would be planted. He said last year they did a terrible job with the flowers.

Mark Fischl-Watkins stated that although last year was a difficult year for plants and trees, normally we received compliments on our plantings. Dave said that what he wants to know is that every day it is going to be beautiful.

Phil stated that the center island will be redone and we expect the flower to be back to their usual beauty.

David asked if we had a commitment and it would be maintained. He said the landscapers do a poor job with the grass.

Donna Darcey asked that individuals that notice something wrong to please call Blue Sky so they can be made aware of it.

Phil asked if there was any other business.

Ellen said yes. She had copies of a new publication from the state of Delaware for anyone that would want one. It is, Delaware Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards. It is very well done. In addition to the hard copies she will make available a link to the on-line version on the web site. The link for the on-line copy is <http://deseagrant.org/products/2012-homeowners-handbook>.

Dumpsters

It was asked if better signs could be put on the recycle dumpsters. Ellen replied that she had been in contract with the trash hauler and they promised new signs. We don't know the date of installation.

Concrete Repairs

Mike Darcey reported the right hand side of the entrance curb needed repair and one of the street lights needs to have the branches pruned back to allow the light to provide more light to the road. Ellen reported that the repair has already been scheduled for the curb and the pruning of the branches will take place shortly.

David Morris asked if the meeting place could be changed. Could we use the library as it is nicer and warmer. Ellen stated the reason we come here is to support the fire company. Nick Shevland reported that the library can cancel your meeting if something specifically for the library comes up and they need the room.

Phil asked if anyone had anything additional under new business.

Election of Council Members

We need to elect two (2) Executive Council members. One (1) from Phase 5 and one (1) from Phase 6.

At this time the current members were introduced. Fred Erbacher, Beachwood Court-Phase 5 and Vickie Voll, Bethany Breeze-Phase 6.

Sue Martin nominated Mike Darcey for the Phase 5 position. Mike accepted the nomination. At this time Fred Erbacher stepped down stating that Mike is a year-round resident now while he is still part-time and he stated, "I believe he will make a good representative."

Sue Martin made a motion to accept the nomination by affirmation. All in favor.

Phil asked Vickie if she would like to continue as the Phase 6 representative. She replied yes.

Phil asked if there were nominations from the floor for Phase 6. There were none. Carol Brannan nominated Vickie Voll for the Phase 6 Executive Council position. Seconded by Sue Martin. All in favor.

Phil thanked Fred for his time and service to the community.

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

Sue Martin made a motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Don Civitella. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Erbe
Blue Sky Management