





A member expressed the hope that there is adequate funding to maintain the already improved portions of the trail system. The board responds that the budget includes the funds requested by the Trails committee for safety and maintenance.

A member requested that the budget provide funding for improving park 1. Another member asked if we can add the picnic shelter costs for park 1 to this year's budget. The board responds that the existing budget allows for some work to reduce weeds in park 1. The board feels that it is not possible to fund the entire cost of the picnic shelter in this fiscal year. The cost of engineering and permits for a shelter are budgeted now; we can evaluate how to finance the remainder after the design is complete and if we decide to proceed.

A member asked for an explanation of the "D&O lawsuit contingency" item in the budget – The contingency represents a portion of the premium that reflects insurance company assessment of risk based on the recent history of involvement of the Foxhall Community Association in legal actions. Greg is seeking information from other insurers who might provide our coverage at a lower cost.

Elaine asked how the board might respond to the survey. The board discussed the option of posting the survey summary with the addition of Board comments. No action was proposed.

#### Discussion of survey responses to the picnic shelter question:

Greg tallied the Picnic Shelter responses as follows: 29 in favor, 4 neutral, 3 not in favor.

#### Member concerns and board discussion:

How much will it get used? Can another survey provide more information? The board feels that the question of future use would be very difficult to quantify with another survey. Greg referred to the large majority of positive responses. Andrew stated that the will of the community seems clearly in favor. The desire for a shelter has been expressed for several years and the 81% favorable response in this survey supports the decision to start the process by funding the engineering and permits.

Maintenance costs? Insurance costs? Greg estimates \$300/yr. without a cooking facility in the structure. Increased traffic on private road leading to parking area? The board does not anticipate impacts to the section of the road adjoining the parking area.

Access for wheelchairs? Shelter committee will consider the need to provide access for people with disabilities.

Security concerns: nighttime visitors and vandalism – Greg says this can be mitigated by solar powered security lighting (already part of the shelter proposal), signage and perhaps security cameras.

#### Discussion of the survey responses related to other park features:

One member asked to provide a sidewalk from the parking lot to the playground. The board can forward this idea to the shelter committee to see if it is compatible with their plans.

One member asked that we acquire and plant trees on North and Northeast fence lines to match the trees planted on the other sections of the park perimeter. No action at this time is proposed by the board.

One member requested a year-round porta potty in park 1 due to more use of the park in Covid times. Year round use may make the park more desirable. Elaine will contact our previous vendor regarding the cost or upkeep with respect to any new practices for routine disinfection.

Various suggestions for new park amenities (pickle ball court at park 2, lawn bowling green, obstacle course for equines, and horseshoe pit in park 1) have been documented and are tabled until the next member survey regarding enhancements.

One member noted an overabundance of blackberry vines on the trail this year. Although trail mowing and maintenance is provided by the FCA, Andrew noted that blackberry encroachment and other trail maintenance issues are ultimately the responsibility of homeowners adjoining the trail easements.

There was a concern regarding the appearance of the lower Foxhall entrance, especially lots fronting Foxhall Drive. The member suggested that there should be routine mowing along these lots. The board noted that the FCA is not responsible for mowing these areas and that the covenants do not address this issue.

One member expressed displeasure with horse droppings on the trail. Mitigations were discussed, but no action is proposed at this time.

Canyon trail needs improved crossing of stream. Trail committee is considering solutions.

*Motion: Adopt budget with the following changes: change \$2000 for asst. treasurer to \$500 for QuickBooks subscription; increase legal fees to \$3000 to cover initial reserve study payment; change main entrance and water item to \$1000; project 2 will now be described as upper entrance plants and drip system with a cost of \$1000.*

*Moved by: Andrew                      Seconded by: Elaine*

*Discussion: Member – Donna Bosshard is in favor of reserve study.*

*Result: unanimously adopted*

### **New Business**

The board will prepare a budget mailing including a ballot for or against ratification of the budget by the membership. The board will also plan for how to hold the vote.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Meeting Schedule (TBD)**

October 2 Board Meeting – tentatively cancelled

October 27 Membership Meeting for Budget Ratification

November TBD

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Questions from Membership**

Donna objected to porta potty at park because of use by non-residents such as delivery drivers, and as unsightly to nearby residents. She is also not in favor of the shelter as it may also be attractive to non-resident use.

Minutes submitted by John McKinnon, Sept. 22, 2020

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