

Foxhall Community Association Board Meeting March 2, 2021 7:00 p.m. ZOOM Meeting

Board Members Present:

Andrew Kolibas, Vice President
Elaine Vaughn, Member at Large/Facilities
Greg Darnell, Treasurer
John McKinnon, Secretary
Robert Jackson, President

Foxhall Members in Attendance:

Donna Bosshard Doug (last name unknown) Solveson (first name unknown) Theresa Lowe

Call to Order

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Review/Approve Minutes

Motion: Approve minutes of FCA Board Meeting dated February 2, 2021 Moved by: Andrew Seconded by: Elaine Discussion: None Result: motion carried unanimously

Facilities Update - Elaine

Mowing contract for parks and pond renewed with some changes in frequency suggested for various locations, according to need.

Keith Long and Steve Stentz are bidding for the trails contract.

Greg suggests that Elaine contact the county regarding the resizing of the inlet pipe to mitigate pooling of water near the roads outside the retention pond.

Park 2 spraying: no information at this time from Wolbert's regarding safety to pets and horses. Discussion regarding spraying for park one: for example, assoc. paid Wolbert's \$972 for one spraying some years ago. Spraying is not specifically budgeted this year, but the mowing and maintenance item may have enough room to expend something for improving the grass in park 1. The front entrance planting and drip system is budgeted for this year.

Elaine will look for a bid that meets our goal of reducing/eliminating dandelions with perhaps further steps toward improving the turf for improved appearance with low maintenance.

Andrew rescheduled walkthrough with PSE to inspect patching work on 42nd Ct. PSE agreed that the contractor will repair the sink hole and possibly the culvert damage that caused it. They will also address the puddling caused by their repaving. They will not do anything about the puddling at the water system risers as they have no authority to modify the components of that system.

Greg said that technically the utilities do not have easements to work in the private roadways. This appears to be an oversight by the developers when creating the legal documents. Utilities may have a prescriptive easement anyway. The (much worse) alternative would be for them to do all their work within the utility easements of each property instead of the roadway itself.

The board had a brief discussion regarding the age of the private roads and that we should anticipate the need for repairs/resurfacing. These would not be considered an expense of the FCA and therefore not part of the reserve fund plan. Currently, expenses for private roads are shared equally among the subset of homeowners that live on private roads. A future topic for discussion should be planning for the expense of repairs/replacement of private roads.

Financial Update/Budget Discussion - Greg

\$3850 has been raised so far from the picnic shelter fund raiser. Additional promotion of the fund drive will appear on Facebook, the website, and perhaps at the picnic. The board discussed ways to recognize contributors.

\$30,005 in reserve fund, not counting this year's budgeted amount. We have approximately \$60,000 in bank accounts.

Bob asked about compensation for people involved in snow removal. Elaine: Should we reach out and offer this or rely on people to come to us? Do we have/can we make a form for reimbursing various expenses on the part of the community? Use Google forms? Greg will create a form in Google mail. Elaine and/or John can distribute to the people known to have helped.

The association is currently owed \$2,325 by homeowners for dues and assessments. Greg wonders if we need more severe penalties for late payment. The invoice clearly states due date, interest penalty for late payment, and the possibility of lien. Bob suggests that we be more explicit about when penalties will be applied. Greg says that legally we could place a lien after 4 months, historically it has been more like 2 years in Foxhall.

An alternative of a late fee schedule would be a bylaw change. The board will revisit the options at next the next meeting.

Trail updates:

Greg posted two video surveillance signs near the gate at Happy Trail/Blackberry Trail. A trail camera will be installed and he will evaluate the video for the number of people using that gate to enter or exit the trail.

Work began on the trail realignment on Happy Trail north of Foxtrail Drive. The trail crew are about halfway through tree removal.

Forest Park has not responded to Bob's contact regarding hazard trees remaining on Happy Trail between Squirrel Trail and Four Corners. Without the expense/possibility of hiring an arborist to identify dangerous trees, our best course of action is to re-approach neighbors to help with problem. Otherwise we will just have to take care of problems the best we can within our trail boundaries.

Other Business

Status of website updates

The website has had some reorganization of content. The next mailing should include reminders of covenant language and ACC info.

Board Election tasks

The election mailing may include: a survey of member interests and budget priorities: generic website password, combination for lock on gate near Forest Park. Greg will work on these enclosures for review at April 1 meeting.

John will draft the part of the election mailer detailing the election procedures.

We need more candidates. Greg will post a reminder on Website and Facebook.

New Business

Snow plowing opt out option? The association does not have an obligation to plow. The volunteers coordinate themselves and advertise their intentions on Facebook. Community members may request or decline plowing by responding to those posts.

Meeting Schedule

April 1 Board Meeting (needs correction on website)
April 29 General membership meeting and board elections
May 10 Board Meeting with new Board members

Greg moved to adjourn. Andrew seconded. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Questions from Membership

Minutes submitted by John McKinnon, March 6, 2021.

Approved 04/01/2021