

English Meadows Property Owners Association (EMPOA)

Annual Meeting – May 11, 2015

The annual meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Holt Junior High Media Room at 1785 Aurelius Road, Holt, MI.

Board members present: John Mason, Nick Miller, Paul Pirrotta, Ginny Richards, Lori Underhill, Jim Walsh.

Residents present: Patti Amador, Chuck and Nancy Case, Brian Gillespie, Clint Gilsdorf, Jeff Guilfoyle, Vera Intveld, Gudrun and Alan McAttee, Joan Narodowiec, Ken and Peggy Nowlin, Sam Sicilia, Matt Underhill, Roberto Walter, Patricia Wysong.

Drain Commission Presentation

Blair Webster and Angi Cosman, representing the Ingham County Drain Commissioner's (ICDC) Office, offered a presentation on the work conducted to date on ponds 1 and 2 and the proposed work for pond 3. Some additional weeding and reseeding will take place on pond 2 this year. The work for pond 3 will follow the same plans as ponds 1 and 2 and will include cutting back the edge of the pond, adding a perimeter buffer with native plantings, and cleaning out of the ditch. The area in between the Eifert Road sidewalk and the ponds will be addressed in conjunction with the proposed work in an effort to limit flooding concerns. EMPOA Board will discuss maintaining the perimeter buffers with Stiles Landscaping so the native plantings are not mowed down.

Mr. Webster addressed the drainage issues behind the condos and recommended that the Condo Association pursue hiring a private contractor to add perforated pipe that would drain into pond 3. He also recommended that all the condos have their downspouts drain directly into their individual foundation drains as opposed to allowing downspouts drain onto the grass.

Addressing the muskrat problem will help alleviate some of the problems with the ponds. Mr. Webster and Ms. Cosman suggested we could ask the ICDC to hire a trapper at our expense, or handle the problem ourselves. A relative of Vera Intveld has been trapping in our ponds and it was suggested we continue to handle the problem ourselves.

The open ditch on McCue Road was also discussed. Two efforts by ICDC and Delhi Township to have the ditch enclosed were turned down by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. It was suggested that EMPOA write a letter to the Ingham County Department of Roads to voice our concerns over the safety of the open ditch and encourage area residents to do the same.

Minutes: It was moved by Alan McAttee, supported by Nancy Case, and passed unanimously to approve the May 12, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Lori Underhill presented and reviewed financial statements through April 30, 2015. It was moved by Pat Wysong, supported by Paul Pirrotta, and passed unanimously to approve the financial statements as presented.

Resident Comments: A question was raised as to whether all 3 ponds were necessary. As the ponds are the property of the ICDC, removing or filling them in is not possible.

Committee Reports:

Property Improvements: None.

Maintenance: Stiles Landscape has increased their prices only slightly over 2014 levels. Another bid was solicited that was more than double that of Stiles. It is therefore recommended to continue with Stiles for landscaping and snow removal. EMPOA Board will make sure the mowing crew is aware of the planting buffer around each pond and will work with ICDC to mark the area.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Road Improvements: It was reported that we are nearing the 51% approval rate necessary to submit the petition for road improvements to Delhi Township. EMPOA Board will continue to pursue the needed signatures to move forward.

Election of Officers: It was moved by Pat Wysong, supported by Chuck Case, and passed unanimously to approve the following EMPOA Board officers:

President: Jim Walsh
Vice-President: Matt Underhill
Secretary: Joan Narodowiec
Treasurer: Lori Underhill
Director 1: Brian Gillespie
Director 2: Clint Gilsdorf
Director 3: Paul Pirrotta

There being no further business at the Annual Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with the newly elected Board holding a short meeting to determine the next regular meeting date and time.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the EMPOA Board will be held on Monday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Paul Pirrotta, 1544 Groombridge Drive.

Maintenance Contract: It was moved by Joan, supported by Paul, and passed unanimously to approve the Maintenance and Snow Removal Contracts with Stiles Landscape.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Lori Underhill, Acting Secretary

Note: These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next regular meeting.