

English Meadows Property Owners Association (EMPOA)

Board of Directors Meeting

March 23, 2009

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

Board members present: Lori Underhill, Patricia Bizoukas, Paul Pirrotta, John Mason, Ellie North, Nancy Case, and Patricia Wysong.

Residents present: Chuck Case.

Visitors present: Pat Lindeman, Paul Pratt, and Jo Latimore.

Minutes:

It was moved by Paul seconded by John and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting as prepared.

Old Business:

Ponds – Drain Commissioner Pat Lindeman distributed the draft copy of the Stormwater Management Plan for the English Meadows Ponds. Mr. Lindeman reported that they are trying to get away from chemistry in the ponds, which are part of the county drain system. He reported that the ponds are not the healthiest he has seen and need to have deep holes created in the ponds, buffers of wildflowers, etc. placed around the ponds along with tall flowers and trees in the commons area around the ponds. Mr. Lindeman further stated that all residents must stop using phosphorous fertilizers (the middle number on the bag must be zero). The drain commission will be placing barley straw bales in the ponds to sterilize the algae animals. They may use copper sulfide in the ponds and look at treatments for the milfoil (potentially using chemicals originally). Discussion indicated that shade on the streets would help to cool the water entering the ponds (trees planted between the sidewalk and street require a permit from the Ingham County Road Commission). Mr. Lindeman stated that he would be willing to come to the annual meeting on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. to review their proposed plan (long-term and short-term) for the stormwater ponds. Mr. Lindeman also stated that we should not put mowing and/or leaves in the street, keep the drains clean of debris, and wash vehicles on lawns instead of in the driveway. Mr. Lindeman stated that the milfoil is extensive and they will use chemistry if necessary to get it out but wants to watch the ponds for a year before we make a permanent decision. He further indicated that we need to create movement in the water and may be able to do this with the deeper holes dug in the ponds; however, a pump to circulate water may be necessary (an underwater movement of water). He further reported that his staff would drop off an aerial map to Nancy's house. Members of the board are to review other sites completed by the drain commissioner's office. It was recommended that we take soil samples of the commons area and stop fertilizing the commons area immediately.

Patricia questioned the water in basements of the condos and Mr. Lindeman reported that it is probably not caused by the depth of the ponds.

Discussion was held on the smell of the ditch along Eifert Road. Mr. Lindeman stated that we would need to contact the Ingham County Road Commission as the roadside ditches are under their jurisdiction.

Jo Latimore, PhD., MSU faculty member, stated that elimination of the geese would help in keeping the ponds clean in the future. She also stated that planting higher plants along the street side of the ponds would help keep the geese out, buffer strips are a good idea, dredging of the ponds might be necessary to clean them up, we must think about the cost of the entire project as some suggested costs might not be necessary for efficient ponds. She indicated that she may still be able to get a student group to help with plantings.

It was suggested that we look into prisoners for cleaning out the ditches on Eifert and McCue Roads.

Liens - Patricia reported that the lien check for 5070 Glendurgan Court should be coming in the mail. The board concurred that all future liens will have the cost of the lien placement and removal included in the cost of restitution. The 2009 lien is to be placed on 1525 Haddon Hall Drive.

Paths – Ellie reported that she is meeting with Able Concrete tomorrow to obtain quotes for asphalt and concrete of the paths.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy presented the financial reports and listing of payments and deposits. It was moved by Ellie, seconded by John and passed unanimously, to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Open Resident Forum:

New Business:

Annual Meeting – Patricia is to verify use of The Cedar Street Church for the Annual Meeting on May 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Paul Pirrotta's residence, 1544 Groombridge Drive.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Patricia Wysong, Secretary

NOTE: These minutes will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.