

English Meadows Property Owners Association (EMPOA)

Board of Directors Meeting

May 4, 2010

John Mason called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board members present: John Mason, Paul Pirotta, and Pat Wysong, Lori Underhill, and Nancy Case.

Residents present: Alleman, Amador, Arthur, Azelton, Case, Brandt, Dairympole, Davis, Derby, Guilfoyle, Intveld, Mason, Milliken, Narodowicz, Nowlin, Pirotta, Smith, Miller, Nourse, Spicer, Underhill, Walsh, Walsh, Wysong, Zdawczyk.

Visitors present:

Minutes:

It was moved by Chuck Case, seconded by Patti Amador and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Nancy Case presented the balance sheet, financial statements to-date, and 2010 budget. It was moved by Wallace Nourse, seconded by Tom Arthur and passed unanimously, to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Open Resident:

No resident comments.

Old Business:

Common area paths - John Mason reported that the paths have all been hydro seeded because the wood chips blew everywhere and this was the most cost effective method of maintaining the paths. He reported that we have had some feedback that they were not done as well as we wanted and the company will be back out to work with us on correcting problem areas.

Common areas - John Mason reported that we did not use weed control last year at the request of the Drain Commissioner; however, we will be doing Weed N Feed this year. A resident questioned when they will start mowing and John indicated that he would ask that question tomorrow. A question was raised regarding seed in the commons area behind the homes south of Haddon Hall with information provided that the only way to plant seed there is to haul in topsoil, plant, and water the seed with the cost of hauling the topsoil being prohibitive at this time.

New Business:

Ponds - Paul Pirotta reported on the status of the Drain Commission work with our ponds. He reported that they will be working on all three ponds to take care of the geese and have clean ponds. They will plant bushes and flowers for 10-15' around each pond at a cost of approximately \$10,000 each. They will start with the pond east of Groombridge, the pond east of that next to Eifert next, and the pond at the corner of Eifert and McCue last. They will spray herbicide around the pond first, grade around the pond for a natural slope with a shelf for native plants, loosen the soil around the pond, place compost, plant wildflower seed, and place straw mulch over the seeds. They plan to start on the first pond this month with one pond to be completed annually. They may want to have some type of pumping station for water movement in the future (after the ponds have been completed) with potential for solar powered pumping. It was discussed with information provided that the cost will be assessed as any maintenance work on the ponds with the total amount to be similar to the drain assessment for last year. A resident questioned elimination of the muskrats with Paul answering that he would check with the Drain Commission office.

A resident questioned the ditch on McCue with information provided that the ditch is to be enclosed and McCue Road to be redone.

Community Gardens - Tom Arthur reported that it has been approved to have a community garden in the area near the fire pit with two raised beds planned to start. This is to be a community project with residents taking turns weeding and watering and participants sharing in the harvesting together. He reported that the cost of \$300 has been covered by a grant and current participants with plans to start on May 15th. They will be using water from Paul Pirotta's residence. A question was raised regarding starting a compost site for the gardens which will be investigated.

Open Resident:

Concerns regarding the tall weeds between Eifert Road and the sidewalk which should be addressed to the Ingham County Road Commission.

Concerns regarding the potholes on Haddon Hall which should be addressed to the Ingham County Road Commission.

Question of what to do if suspected strangers are fishing in our ponds with information provided that a call should be made to the Delhi Township Police and they will investigate.

Concerns regarding speeding on Haddon Hall which should be addressed to the Delhi Township Police.

Question of whether anything is planned for the white pergola in the commons area with Tom Arthur suggesting a potential for gardens.

Signs to remind people to pick up after their dogs is to be investigated by the board.

Concern regarding hitting golf balls in the commons area which should be addressed to the Delhi Township Police.

Election of Officers:

It was moved by Tom Arthur, seconded by Jim Walker and passed unanimously, to elect John Mason as President, Nick Miller as Vice President, Patricia Wysong as Secretary, Nancy Case as Treasurer, Diego Amador as Director, Paul Pirota as Director, and Lori Underhill as Director for the next year.

The annual meeting concluded at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at Diego Amador's, 1580 Groombridge.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Patricia Wysong, Secretary

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