

English Meadows Property Owners Association (EMPOA)

Board of Directors Meeting

May 16, 2011

The annual meeting started at 7:05 p.m.

Board members present: John Mason, Pat Wysong, Nancy Case, Diego Amador, Lori Underhill, Paul Pirrotta, and Nick Miller.

Residents present: Patricia Amador, Tom Arthur, M. David Brooks, Chuck Case, Gudrun Dalrymple, Justin Davis, John Derby, Linda Makela, Jeff Guilfoyle, Wallace Nourse, Thelma Nourse, Kenneth Nowlin, Peggy Nowlin, John Prush, Samuel Sicilia, Cheryl Spicer, Denny Walsh, Caroline Walsh, James Walsh, Patricia Walsh, and Mark Zdawczyk.

Tom Arthur presented information about the community garden and invited everyone to come and participate with an initial workday on Saturday, April 9th. He also indicated that he would like to have another community barbeque on July 23, 2011 and is looking for a volunteer to host at their home. If no one volunteers, Tom will host at his home again this year.

Paul Pirrotta introduced Pat Lindeman, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, and Paul Pratt from the Drain Commissioners office. Pat reported that they weeded today on the first pond which was cleaned out with native plants planning for full development in 2-3 years (currently they are developing a good root system). He reported that they will be burning down the vegetation every 2-3 years to help them propagate. The second pond will be started late this fall or early next spring. The pond may need some substitute soils to replace the current muck. Pat further reported that assessments will be stretched over several years to contain the costs. A resident questioned the dead fish and Pat reported that it was probably from the very cold winter we had but they would test the water and perhaps need to put in some deep holes. A resident reported that the lowering of the pond level last year was exactly when the Blue Gill were spawning; therefore, no new Blue Gills were hatched. Pat indicated that they would check to make sure this does not happen with future ponds. A resident questioned not using silt fence as there are ruts along the edge of the first pond. Pat reported that they will look at the area. A resident questioned whether we were committed to doing all 3 ponds in the same way. Pat explained that the flowers will stop the algae by sucking the nutrients out of the pond when they have matured and that some chemical treatment may be needed for this year.

Open Resident:

Treasurer's Report: Nancy presented the balance sheet,

Old Business:

Commons Areas: Weeds have not been sprayed and Ken Nowlin reported that the commons area behind his home has not been mowed.

Pot Holes: Concerns regarding pot holes should be directed to the Ingham County Road Commission.

Landscaping: A resident questioned minutes reflecting that the landscaping from behind the condos was to be moved. John reported that this is being done as a result of the condo management association contacting us and reporting that the condo residents were upset with the planting that was done and we compromised by agreeing to remove the plantings that were done last summer. Following additional discussion, it was determined that if we receive a message from the condo management association that the plantings should remain, the landscape committee will not move them.

New Business:

John reported that we will be mowing the commons areas, removing snow on the commons area sidewalks, and applying \$500 towards landscaping.

A resident questioned concrete dumped in the pond at Eifert and McCue and regarding the hole dug in the commons area near the same location. Because we have no proof of who created either of these situations, we are unable to proceed with a remedy. It was noted that the concrete would be taken care of when the Drain Commission got to that pond. Paul Pirrotta agreed to help remove the concrete.

Tom Arthur questioned how we were notified of new residents were and he was told that we are not notified but find their name on the Delhi Township website. It was reported that the Kiwanis Club is notified of all new residents and give out welcome bags. Tom will see if he can get on the list to help with this process. It was reported that the EMPOA board had done this in the past.

Election of Officers: Lori Underhill and Diego Amador plan to leave their director positions and John requested volunteers to fill these two positions. John Walsh and Dave Brooks volunteered to fill the vacant positions with all other board members to remain.

Survey by Condo Association: It was reported that permanent markers will be placed along the survey line behind the condos along McCue Road.

Ken Nowlin reported that cars are speeding on our streets and cautioned children playing in the streets.

The annual meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The new board met to determine the next meeting date.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on June 20, 2011 at Patricia Wysong's residence, 1555 Groombridge, Holt, MI.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Patricia Wysong, Secretary

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