Forest Oaks Homeowners’ Association Meeting

March 3, 2021, via Zoom

Minutes

A regular Forest Oaks Homeowners’ Association Meeting took place via Zoom on March 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were Rochelle Wagoner, Stephen Schexnayder, Shelia Brown, Elaine and Marc Weinmeister, Emily and John Wood, Nate and Amy Draper, Marilynn & Steven Kettner and Warren Stickrod.

President Stephen Schexnayder called the meeting to order at 6:39. Everyone introduced themselves.

Stephen asked for approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held on October 13, 2020. Minutes were available on the homeowner website prior to the meeting. Marilynn Kettner moved to approve the minutes. Nate Draper seconded and the motion carried.

Shelia Brown gave the treasurer’s report. The 2020 Expense report included unbudgeted expenses for limb trimming on the chain link fence, disposal of brush at entry, and ice storm clean-up and removal. At the October meeting, we voted to use funds from the sidewalk fund to paint addresses on curbs. A grandchild of a neighbor had begun to do this job, so we used available funds to pay him. He painted 57 curbs for homes. A small amount remains in the sidewalk fund.

In other allocations, we have funds set aside to replace two wooden streetlight poles on Running Branch. Mary Berryman has a location for a new streetlight between 1709 and 1713 Running Branch. She will coordinate the installation of that light with the replacement poles when all approvals are in place.

Discussion took place concerning some sidewalks in the neighborhood and trimming around decorative streetlights. Homeowners are responsible for trimming branches around streetlights on their property. Shelia suggested we send a letter to homeowners asking permission to do the work.

In 2020, 147 homes paid dues. This represents about 65% of our homeowners.

Marilynn moved to approve the financial report and Emily Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Shelia reported that the annual financial audit took place on March 1, 2021. Diane King, Rochelle Wagoner and Mary Berryman audited the financial records for 2020 and determined that they were in good order.

Shelia presented the 2021 Expense Summary. The January expenses were primarily for utilities. Shelia created 25 new Welcome packets to be distributed during the year. We have collected 141 dues payments from homeowners thus far. Shelia suggested Elaine send another dues reminder by email. We expect to finish the electrical lines for the flagpole light this year. Warren Stickrod does not have an estimate yet, but it might be $500 to finish the work. Warren moved to accept the Expense Summary report. The motion was seconded by Rochelle Wagoner and the motion carried.

Miles Hall was not present to give an Officer-at-Large report.

Warren Stickrod reported on the ongoing Streetlights project. Two wooden streetlights can be replaced easily if they are close to an electrical box. We have two poles that have been approved for replacement. The flagpole in the entry island was installed last year. A former neighbor will help us with the electrical work, and we have to dig the trench to bury the line. We had hoped to use Cruz, but he is unavailable at this time.

Elaine Weinmeister reported on Landscaping. At this point in the year, we are maintaining the existing landscaping. Most of our efforts in 2021 have involved spreading ice melt during the February freeze. Since last October, we have used 18 bags of ice melt at the entry. The 15 inches of snow over 3 days finally caused major difficulty for people exiting the neighborhood. A wonderful surprise occurred when a neighbor brought his own Kubota tractor to our entry and voluntarily shoveled the exit/entry. He would not accept compensation. We remain very grateful for this service. We will trim back some plants at the entry and expect to put in new annuals in April/May.

The Yard-of-the-Month winners were announced in the Spring newsletter. Shelia would like a new volunteer to work on this committee. Marilynn Kettner and Rochelle Wagoner volunteered to do this. The awards are given May, June, July, August and December.

In New Business, Stephen asked when we want to schedule a garage sale. Angie Schexnayder volunteered to chair this last year, but the event did not take place due to the pandemic. We will look for a date in September and Angie will make the final determination.

We will also plan food trucks this year. Angie Schexnayder will chair this effort and would like suggestions. Suggestions included Roxy’s ice cream in the summer, Mexican, barbecue and lobster. The location will be on Chaparral and will be scheduled one at a time. Neighbors can send emails to Angie.

Comments and Questions:

1. A large truck is working on a well at the entry. We discussed the water well and that Forest Oaks has nothing to do with that project.
2. The empty lot at the entry was discussed. We have no further information about what the owner will do.
3. The empty lot on Ridgecrest should have a new home under construction soon.
4. Marilynn thanked Emily for her uplifting yard signs.

President Stephen Schexnayder moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Weinmeister

Secretary, Forest Oaks HOA