

Minutes of the Merrymount Board of Directors – January 16, 2017

The Merrymount Board of Directors met at 3pm at Doug Sobey's house on January 16, 2017. In attendance were: Doug Sobey, Chair; Diana Munsch, Vice-Chair; Patty McHenry, Director; Denise Buckner, Director and Treasurer, Margie Skidmore, Secretary.

The minutes of the November 7, 2016 meeting were approved.

Committee Updates

Social Committee – Laura Collins: Fall Gathering/Chili Cook-off was held in November; \$200 was budgeted to offset supplies for the Annual Christmas Party, hosted by Mike and Debbie Ortiz; emails will be going out shortly to determine if there is interest in resuming the progressive dinners and cooking lessons at Cooper's Landing; committee is considering a wing cook-off in March-April. Update: The Ortiz's declined the offer of \$200 to defray the Christmas party expenses.

Planning Committee – Lisa Handy: The Planning Committee has completed the grading of the pavilion lot; Jon Guins has been paid for the grading and seeding; Jon has indicated he will fill the odd hole that is marked by a stick; Needs to know when/if the Board wants to move forward with electric/ water and part 2 of Jon's quote of adding gravel to the driveway and raising the fire pit. Update: Doug talked with Lisa and the Planning Committee is going forward with getting electric installed at the pavilion; the committee will then focus on the water installation upon the Board's approval to release the funds; Lisa is also reviewing last year's results of the neighborhood survey to determine possible future ideas.

ARC Committee– Lissa Wissing: No report

Audit Committee – Jim Collins: Will meet in the spring

Road Committee – Debbie Ortiz: No report

Old Business:

Doug and Ron Whitt are working on a camera casing for the intersection of Merrymount and Hawtree.

Street light on Merrymount Drive has been fixed.

Two new families have moved into Merrymount: Pam & Brian Rock have purchased Lot 84. Garyland Middleton has purchased Lot 40 and will be moving to Merrymount fulltime when updates to house are completed.

Viewing of license plates by Board members: Diana will contact Todd to arrange a meeting to view what is being captured by the cameras at the entrance.

New Business:

Kathy Ortiz and her husband plan to close on Lot 14 in February and will pick up New Owner packet this week.

Art King will be paid \$200 for snow removal in Merrymount on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

Completion of Pavilion project: Diana will contact Richie Heycock about water installation which is under further review by the Board.

Stone for the entrance to the Pavilion: The Board feels the stone is not necessary at the present time. The Planning Committee will be asked by Doug to bring recommendations for additional improvements/plans for the pavilion to the Board and to the Annual Meeting. Based on these recommendations, the Board will be able to plan and budget accordingly.

Request for the Board to consider increasing dues by \$25.00 by Wilma Poole (the purpose is to provide funds to continue upkeep of Merrymount and to meet increasing costs of all services/replacement of needed items in the community) was tabled because an increase in the assessment did not pass at the last annual meeting. In budget preparations for next year, it may become necessary to request an assessment increase at the annual meeting.

New Front Entrance lights: Presently the lights are disconnected due to the light sensitive switch is not working. Solar lights which were used for the Christmas wreaths are still being used. Doug is waiting for estimates to replace the lights with led lights.

Financial Update:

Denise presented the Merrymount Property Owners Financial Information as of 1/13/17. She indicated that the new contract for Grass cutting has been received and the schedule for cutting grass will be every two weeks during the growing season for the same amount as last year's contract.

Other Items:

A letter has been received from the Roanoke Rapids Savings Bank in Roanoke Rapids asking for assistance in getting information to Merrymount about Lot 10 (.99 acres) that is for sale for \$112,500 but any reasonable offer will be entertained.

Doug asked that a Merrymount Update be sent out to property owners to cover: a request to stay off the pavilion grass until the grass has more opportunity to grow; security issues and block captains and for residents to check emails to determine interest in future social events that are planned.

Next meeting: March 13, 2017 at 3pm at Diana Munsch's house.

The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Margie Skidmore,
MPOA Secretary

