

Longhills Village Minutes 03-19-2020

Opening

The meeting was held via Zoom Conferencing and was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Board members present

Perry Faver, Jonathan Adams, Cindy Stracener, Dana Houston, Doug Stracener, Jason Schlau, Joshua Judkins, Anthony Baker

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes from the 2-20-2020 meeting were approved.

The board opened the meeting by addressing a legal document that was received from Meredith Wineland an Attorney at Law from Benton. This document was sent on behalf of Jody Petty Homes regarding an issue he raised regarding building stipulations laid out in the neighborhood bill of assurance. The board voted and decided to respond that the items addressed in the BOA should be upheld. Anthony Baker will respond to Mrs. Wineland in a timely manner.

Website Report

The board addressed the website and it was decided that instead of trying to update the site monthly that it would be done as needed. The site will still address current issues concerning the neighborhood and residents will still be able to contact the board, etc. via the website. The board agreed that the website is a valuable tool for residents but may not need to be updated as frequently.

Treasurer's Report

The neighborhood bank balance is currently at \$102,873.49. Annual dues collections are outpacing last year currently with only 36 lots outstanding as of 3/19/20. To date \$34,020 has been collected from dues invoices sent out for 2020.

Membership Report

Membership activities have slowed due to the concerns surrounding Covid-19 and it's the feeling of the board that we should follow city and governmental guidelines regarding the safety of our residents. The members felt that we should reach out to any neighbors in need and help in any way necessary while still remaining safe. Anthony encouraged the board to contact residents and ask them to notify the group of any new residents during the next few weeks.

Landscape / Special Projects

- The Board discussed the current landscaping contractor and wanted some clarification on quotes for various items including Fall and Spring plantings at the entrances. The members agreed that a representative would reach out to the contractor and ask for clarification and request an all-in price for the entire year in order to be clear on pricing.
- The members discussed looking into the purchase of inexpensive laptop computers for use of housing footage from the community cameras and unable easy access to that footage. The board will look at pricing and report back to the group for a final decision.
- Discussions turned to the matter of whether the Benton Police Department should be given access to the cameras to allow them to gather video themselves once a police report was made. The Board felt that the matter needed to be clarified to the residents and a vote needed to be taken as to whether this should be allowed. Until then two members of the Board will obtain laptops as mentioned above and use that to make footage available to police after a police report has been made.

Communications & Activities Report

The Board discussed moving the annual meeting because of the Covid 19 restrictions. The board decided we are not in a position to pick a date in May this year. Once state of Arkansas recommendations for meetings are relaxed, the board will choose a date for an annual meeting. This year, the annual meeting may be several months late. The board has had to move to virtual meetings by phone for our monthly board meetings. We still hope to have the annual meeting at the Gene Moss building located in Tyndall park in Benton when the time comes. Once the dates are determined, the Board will update the website with dates and will push items out through social media and other avenues.

Likewise, the annual garage sale and movie night has been cancelled. We will try to schedule in the fall.

Compliance Report

The compliance officer updated the group on what has happened over the last month and indicated that there were four items that still needed to be addressed. Those include the following:

1. A new home on Shoal Creek had an unapproved mailbox, no sidewalks in place as of 3/19/20 and an area that needed additional sod.
2. 5218 Congressional – cars parked in the street
3. 2819 Crooked Stick – cars parked in the street
4. 2908 Turnberry – cars parked in the street
5. 2916 Turnberry – barking dogs (matter has since been addressed privately)

The board agreed appropriate steps would be taken to remedy the above items. Compliance letters were sent to each property owner listing their compliance issues.

Architectural Report

The Board briefly addressed the need for new items to be approved by the architectural officer and that bill of assurance statutes need to be adhered to by residents.

New Items

The members discussed items relating to the pool and actions taken by Lindsey Management regarding the demolition of the complex. It was agreed by all present that the POA did everything in their power to acquire the pool facility in order to provide access to the residents. Due to matters beyond the control of the POA Board, that was ultimately not an option and therefore other avenues should be explored. These include and are not limited to looking at the purchase of an existing vacant lot(s) for a pool or playground facility.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the POA board will be via Zoom conferencing on Thursday April 23rd @7:00