

Minutes of Steeplechase Homeowners Association Board Meeting
December 17, 2018, 7-8:35 p.m.

- All Board members were present: Denny Byrne, Terry Endress, Mike O'Donnell, Chuck Rainier, Karen Ripple, Neil Stuber, Marty Wiles
- All Members Officially Approved Minutes of October 28, 2018.
- No Board meetings are scheduled until the May 2018 Annual Meeting; however, if topics come up that need to be discussed all agreed to meet before May with those not in the area calling in or connecting with Skype.

All

- Again the Board discussed dues because some felt that the dues had been raised in 2016 illegally per the Bylaws.
 - The Bylaws were read aloud by Denny Byrne.
 - To revert the dues back to \$50 was proposed but did not pass. Members debated that the previous Board stated they had the required quorum of neighbors at the Annual 2016 meeting plus the dues vote was not announced in advance.
 - We, the current Board, want the neighbors to vote for a new yearly dues amount at the 2019 Annual Meeting after reviewing the budget.
 - A proposal was made to leave the dues at \$100. The Board voted: 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain
 - *This text was added at the February 27, 2019 Board meeting: The Board had numerous off-line meetings and phone discussions between different Board members, and all finally agreed that the 2019 Dues will be \$50.*
 - Agenda at the May 2019 Annual Meeting to include
 - Proposed change of Bylaws
 - Budget Review
 - Proposed amount of dues for 2020 to be voted on by all neighbors.
- Quickly review any emails Terry sends us to proof read and offer editing suggestions before emails are sent out to the whole neighborhood.

Mike

- Will send dues invoices out in early January 2019 with this notation: *Dues and budget for 2020 will be reviewed at the May 2019 Annual Meeting.*
- Send Denny financial documents for review and audit.

Karen

- Ladies Tea:
 - 16 attended
 - A reminder has gone out to the committee to submit expenses, but so far none have been received.
- E-Newsletter:
 - Topics:
 - Annual Meeting, Lehner Center, Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm
 - Dues, Budget, Bylaws to be discussed
 - Garage Sale, Thursday-Saturday, May 16-18, 9am-3pm
 - Sharon Delois and Bonnie Baker will chair this year's sale.

- Reminder to keep sidewalks clear of snow
- Tree Removal by Mike Sorboro phone 330-801-2816 and GP Trees phone 330-699-9964
- Ladies Tea Party
- Santa Visit to Steeplechase
- Neighbor Biographies E-Newsletter
 - Several families have been asked to submit their bios and a picture
 - Neil agreed to submit his bio and picture

Chuck

- Chuck reported that the cost to return the SHOA-owned vacant lot on Steeplechase Lane would be \$180-\$200 per tree, with mulch and watering required for the first six weeks. The Board decided to continue mowing instead of planting.
- Chuck advised that there are ordinances in Munroe Falls relative to planting trees on the tree lawn; e.g., width of tree lawn, fruit-bearing trees are forbidden.

Terry

- Will send an email to all neighbors asking if they would serve on the Board Nominating Committee. Five people are needed.
- Terry will send a letter or email to local real estate agencies advising them that our dues are \$100 per year for 2019, that there are no lawsuits related to the Steeplechase neighborhood, and all taxes and any debts are in good standing.
- Will send an email to Debbie O'Donnell and Beth Stuber regarding their proposal for a neighborhood winter social to get more information. Several Board members expressed concern about spending the proposed budget amount for fear of low attendance.
- Will send emails intended for neighborhood-wide distribution to all other members of the Board for review before forwarding on to the whole neighborhood.

Denny

- Submit biography and picture to Karen for E-newsletter.
- Audit and approve Mike's financial documents