BOARD/GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2018 1995 Barley Road

ATTENDANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Michele Carroll Charles Lawson Chuck Retaliata **OFFICERS:**

Michele Carroll, president Charles Lawson, vice president

MEMBERS:

Andrea Kowaleski Margo Williams

BOARD MEETING

1. Secretary's report

• The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed.

ACTION: the board voted to accept the February meeting minutes without changes

2. Board items

- <u>Playset:</u> the slide mats are in place. Rockland Woodworks was contacted about making the slide areas safer. They agreed to make additional space for the slide landing areas.
- <u>Storage shed:</u> Chuck received the following quotes for a 6x8 foot unit constructed of T111 (the prices include shed delivery and installation):
 - Rockland Woodworks: \$1,425 (higher quality unit)
 - Rockland Woodworks: \$1,250 (lower quality unit)
 - Ridge Lumber: \$1,715

Chuck will also check with Home Depot. It was noted that the board is happy with Rockland Woodworks and their responsiveness in the past.

- <u>Fencing for storage shed:</u> Chuck is awaiting a price quote from Rustic Fence and has not yet received a response from Long Fence, the two contractors he contacted about this.
- 2017 taxes: Charles said he is available for assistance, if needed, with filing the 2017 HFCA tax returns

3. Committees

• Pond – Andrea Kowaleski:

- The pond wiring has been completed. 15-gauge wire was used, as planned, and
 it appears to be sturdy and taut. The homeowners abutting the pond report being
 pleased with the results.
- Andrea spoke to Tom from Solitude. They may be featuring our pond as a good example of this type of deterrent.
- The plantings surrounding the pond are thriving.
- There were some concerns about removing a tree in the common area that was partially uprooted. The tree has been successfully removed.
- There is an old metal playset that is abandoned in the woods bordering the common area around the pond. Andrea will obtain a price from Elements Landscaping for hauling it away.

<u>Picnic tables</u>

- The possibility of putting a brace between the legs of the picnic tables to keep them from sinking into the mulch was discussed. This idea will be provided to Scott so that he can take it under consideration when the picnic tables are repaired when the weather warms up.
- One picnic table uphill from the pond will not be replaced. Andrea suggested installing a flower bed in its place, which the board agreed to do.

ACTION: Scott will be coordinating volunteers to repair the picnic benches when the weather warms

• <u>Tennis and basketball courts:</u> The basketball and tennis courts will need to be resurfaced and/or repaired soon. Michele will be coordinating with Ken Hollasch on the quotes and whether the previous proposals for the work will be honored.

• Events:

- July 4^{th} : the board will begin work on plans for the July 4^{th} picnic and parade.
- Yard sale: the spring yard sale is scheduled for May 19. The bulk trash pick-up has been scheduled for June 9.
- Easter egg hunt: the Easter egg hunt was held on March 17. The board has no other details about how the event turned out.

Harvest Farms Community Association

<u>Mail delivery concerns:</u> several residents have complained about the mail delivery.
Complaints include missed mailings and packages, inconsistent delivery days and times, and items delivered to the wrong addresses. The neighborhood post office is in Randallstown, which services three counties. Residents can use the following contact information to inquire about their mail or to file complaints:

U.S. Postal Service Consumer and Industry Contact Office 900 E. Fayette Street, Room 109C Baltimore, MD 21233-9631 (401) 341-4330 (800) ASK-USPS

There is also an app that that allows residents to see the mailings that they should expect to receive every day: informeddelivery@usps.com

It was suggested that this information be posted on the neighborhood Facebook page so it is more visible to residents.

- Meeting notices: the board will work to make sure meeting minutes and notices about dates, times, and locations of monthly board meetings are posted on the HFCA website and emailed to residents in a more timely manner.
- 4. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at 1995 Barley Road.
- 5. Motion to adjourn the meeting

BOARD ACTIONS

ITEM	Board Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Accept the February 2018 minutes with no changes	Michele Carroll	\boxtimes			
Motion: Chuck Retaliata Second: Margo Williams	Melissa Clark				\boxtimes
	Charles Lawson	\boxtimes			
	Chuck Retaliata	\boxtimes			
	Scott Walthour				\boxtimes
VOTE RESULT	PASS	3	0	0	2