

Harvest Farms HOA Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes – March 30, 2023 7:00 PM

Board members present: Cherie Winnard, Heather Gotsch, Peter O’Toole, Santiago Ortego, Craig Beebe, Mike Olischuk,

Residents present: Andrea Kowaleski, Susan Andersson, Joe Tier, Kevin O’Brien

- Call to order at 7:00 PM – Cherie Winnard
- Common Grounds and Maintenance Report – Cherie Winnard
 - Playground sign has been placed.
 - New landscaping company has done an exceptional job with spring cleanup. Overall cost will be slightly higher.
- Pond Report – Andrea Kowaleski
 - Pond treated for the first time.
 - Algae bloom has started – another treatment in 1.5 weeks.
 - One of the RR ties around the picnic tables is completely gone and needs to be replaced.
 - Rock Land did this work in the past.
 - Andrea to get a quote.
 - There is an Earth Day celebration at Piney Ridge on 4/22.
 - Activities for all ages.
 - Architectural Committee Report – Kevin O’Brien
 - Received 4 requests.
 - Three approved without board input.
 - One property is requesting an 8 feet variance at the corner of the dwelling for a fence project.
 - Homeowner is making this request so the downspout and window well will be inside the fence perimeter.
 - The board reviewed the specifications and that recommendations was made by the board to approve the project.
- Treasurer’s Report – Heather Gotsch
 - Easter egg hunt has been moved back twice. April 8th is the new date. This forecast will be evaluated as we get closer to this date.
 - HOA fees missing for 2 residents.
 - Notification #3 to be put in the mailboxes.
 - Payments made to the new landscaping company and for the website hosting are slightly over budget.
 - Everything else in within budget.
- Trailers on lots – Cherie Winnard
 - There are two homeowners with trailers stored on lots which is a violation of the HOA by-laws.
 - There were three but one has been removed.

- An email to be sent to these homeowners requesting that the trailers be removed.
- Dogs in the community – Cherie Winnard
 - It was reported that several neighbors walking their dogs in the community are not picking up dog feces.
 - It was discussed putting up a post with a bag holder at the pond. However, most of the problem is not at the pond.
 - It was noted that there was dog feces on the sidewalks and in the road at the top of Barley. The suggestion was to put up a sign.
 - A community e-mail will be sent out reminding neighbors about Spring clean-up to include bushes over sidewalks, cleaning up after pets, and if you see a mess clean it up. The e-mail will also include reminders that kids are outside playing and riding bikes and to remember to slow down and come to a complete stop at stop signs.
- Yard sale date is Saturday, June 3.
 - Signs will go up the week before.
 - Bulk pickup will be the week following the yard sale – June 10.
- July 4th Celebration – July 4th 10 AM – 12 PM
 - Board to begin planning activities.
 - Signup Genius to be used for volunteers – typically needed for 30 minute shifts.
 - Previous board to look for planning workbook.
 - This item will be added to the agenda for the next few board meetings.
 - Sykesville Fire Department will be given a \$100.00 donation for participation.
 - Prizes will be given for games.
- New bench
 - Mike Olischuk to reach out to Carolyn Case
- Next meeting will be held on 4/27
 - Meeting to be in person outside, possibly on the screen porch at the home of one of the board members.
 - Details to be provided