

Ashland Community Association Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2016

Board Members Present: Drew Nagle, Carol Christmyer, Nancy Weiss, Steve Warner, Judy Phillips

The meeting was called to order by President, Drew Nagle at 7:05 PM

- The minutes from October, 2015 were not posted in time for the subsequent meeting and therefore were distributed and approved at this meeting
- The minutes for February, 2016 were reviewed by Carol Christmyer and approved. There was no meeting in March.

President's Report:

- Tours of single stream recycling are available and may be a good way for residents to understand the process thus reducing concerns that they may have about the process. It was suggested that representatives from Baltimore County be invited to the May community meeting to make a presentation.
- The May community meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Cockeysville. This will be a good choice as there is no responsibility for the association to set up or put away tables and chairs.
- The delinquency issue is nearly resolved. The total owed is down to \$1,409.

WPM Report – Judy Phillips:

- The drainage project behind even numbered Stone Row Court houses was completed and according to Derek Bennett of Brickman, who inspected it recently, is working to resolve the problem. However some residents are still concerned about the hill runoff. We may want to consider placing river rock in this area to keep the soil in place.
- Residents have asked for shrubs along the bottom of Ferrous Court to fill in between the Arbor Vitae that are there in order to cut down on traffic noise. It was suggested that Forsythia might be a good choice as it is attractive, fast-growing and inexpensive.
- The estimate from Gibson Landscapes, Inc. was reviewed. This estimate was given to control erosion behind 9 Furnace Court. It includes the creation of a berm to channel water down the hill toward the drain that is at the bottom, thus keeping the water from flowing down the hill eroding it. The estimate also included the addition of ten yards of top soil and several plantings to control any erosion while the berm grows out. A second estimate was submitted by Brickman, which was lower in cost, did not include as comprehensive a solution as the Gibson estimate. The Board approved a cost for the Gibson estimate of \$2,975.00.

Budget:

- While we had a \$12,000 deficit due to snow removal, we are in good shape for the rest of the year
- We discussed the issue of painting as it has been four years since the last painting was done. As mentioned previously, it may make sense to forgo the painting of siding as it is a stain and has the potential to last many more years than the trim paint. The board will inspect the neighborhood to assess the condition of the trim paint.

Discussion:

- It was noted that the shrubbery and ground around the transformer between 18 and 17 Stone Row Court has been neglected for a long time. The question to consider is whether the responsibility is that of the community or individual home owners. Judy will investigate by examining the neighborhood plat.
- Judy noted that we will soon be able to send out notifications of community interest with a new web site. This will be helpful in keeping residents informed. She will have to collect updated emails from everyone.

The next meeting will be held as a community meeting on May 10 at 7:00 PM at the Holiday Inn in Cockeyville.

The tentative date for the June meeting is June 1, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Warner, Secretary