

Springdale Estate Association

Board of Directors Meeting

October 6, 2020

Attendees: Gene Adesso, Jim Brennan, Steve Collins, Trish Collins, Jon Ehret, John Goodman, Paul MacDougal, Jeff Moran, Kelly Scofield (via telephone).

Guests: Van Cotter, Maddie Segal

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Board President, Steve Collins, at the home of Jon Ehret. Steve welcomed everyone and specifically thanked Jon for letting the meeting take place on his rear deck. (Covid restrictions were followed.)

Secretary's Report:

The minutes of the previous meeting (July 14, 2020) were reviewed. A motion was made (Paul-1st, Gene-2nd) to accept the minutes with no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report:

John Goodman happily reported that the SEA continues to stay "financially sound". He presented the Board with a statement of the actual, year to date, expenses the association has incurred so far. One line item that stood out was for fence maintenance. This item was not initially budgeted for the year, but was a needed expense to preserve the "life" of the fence. John also mentioned that the dues collection from the neighborhood hovers around 69%. (Bay Bridge is not included this percentage.) He is currently working on a proposed budget to be presented at the Annual Homeowners Meeting.

President's Report:

Board President, Steve Collins, brought the Board up to date regarding several concerns. The new directory led his list of items to be accomplished in 2021. All advertising space has been sold and pictures are being collected to create a new front cover. Information is still being gathered from the newest Springdale Estates residents. The availability and security of an electronic version of the directory is still being discussed.

The fence that borders Leesville Road has been power washed and the next step is to search for a painter (or perhaps make this task an SEA project).

Steve hopes to schedule another neighborhood Spring “clean up” (depending on Covid restrictions). He also plans to investigate what government department (if any) is responsible for, or might be of assistance with, the culverts throughout the neighborhood that are open or in disrepair.

Steve is still working on completing the Emergency Action Plan for Lake ONeal.

Board Nominations:

There are 5 Board members whose terms of service will end this year. The slate of nominees is as follows, and a vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting.

Vice President-Kelly Scofield

Treasurer-no nominee at this time

Area 1-Jim Pearce

Area 3-Van Cotter

Area 4-Madie Segal

Ongoing and New Business:

Gene Adesso gave the Board an update concerning the ongoing suit being brought against the Raleigh City Council in regards to the rezoning of the McLin property. Gene’s committee has been instrumental in protecting the boundaries of our neighborhood against unwanted development.

Van Cotter reported several concerns that have been occurring with Lake ONeal. He presented a proposal to vegetate the bare soil located around the edges, especially the dammed end of Lake ONeal. There is quite a bit of erosion and unwanted runoff occurring. He stressed the fact that we need to preserve the integrity of the lake and condition of the water. He plans to include the neighborhood Garden Club to assist with ideas and implementation. Van also reported that there has been evidence of herbicide use (possibly by maintenance personnel/businesses) and will investigate further. Quotes for an Electrofishing Report were discussed and a motion was made (Kelly-1st, Jon-2nd) to hire Solitude

Lake Management to complete the study. Since the cost was projected to be close to \$4000, a Board vote was taken and unanimously passed.

The Board is also considering the need/cost of aerating the lake to improve water quality and wildlife preservation. The Board felt as though they needed much more information before proceeding. These items will be discussed at a later meeting.

The Annual SEA Meeting is scheduled to take place on November 17, 2020. The Board gave Steve the ability to decide how it will take place. Possibilities include a Zoom meeting, meeting in person at Tabernacle Baptist Church with restricted attendance, or perhaps a drive in meeting in the Church parking lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 12, 2021, place TBD.