

## THE RESERVE AT SPRINGTON WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

The meeting of the Board of Directors of The Reserve at Springton Woods Residents Association was held on August 10, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. virtually via Zoom due to the stay-at-home restrictions prompted by COVID-19. The meeting was called to order by George Simon, Board President. Present were Jack Wiley, Meredith Denovan, Lini Kadaba, and Al Marino, which constituted a quorum of the Board of Directors.

The Board met with representatives of James Hardie Siding prior to the start of the business meeting to discuss the pros and cons of using FCS (fiber cement siding) for remediation work in RSW. Details from the discussion are attached to these minutes.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors on July 20, 2020 be approved as recorded.

Mr. Marino presented the Treasurer's report for July, 2020. As of this date, the Association had a net cash balance in its operating budget account of \$60,647.07. The Association Reserve Fund has a balance of \$120,407.64. These funds will be used for major repair work in our development, e.g. future tree work in the RSW common areas. Mr. Marino asked permission to pay the following expenses: trash collection, lawn care, and landscaping.

Upon Motion duly made and seconded, the Board APPROVED the payment of these expenses.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Architectural and Landscaping:

A request to install an approved iron hand railings on the front steps was approved.

The ALC completed the annual spring inspection of properties. Letters were sent to property owners regarding issues that needed to be addressed. Homes will be reinspected on August 30. Fines may be levied if homeowners have not complied with the requests.

A request from 3 homeowners to remove trees in the common area behind their homes was reviewed. The trees in question have already been marked by the arborist for removal in Phase Two.

#### Maintenance Committee

Mr. Wiley met with John Hasbach, a certified arborist, to review Phase Two of the tree removal project and to determine which trees will be removed this year. Phase Two trees are those that are not immediate safety hazards, but need to be removed in a 1-4 year period. The trees targeted for removal in fall 2020 pose the greatest potential safety hazard. Trees have been marked and bids for removal will be sent to two contractors.

Mr. Wiley will contact Dave Shiber, Downend Landscaping, regarding complaints that the large lawn mowers are causing ruts in some lawns. Smaller mowers need to be used.

Mr. Simon addressed a complaint signed by three homeowners that the weeding on the slope of the berm be continued. After further discussion, the Board stood by its decision to cease

weeding of the berm area only and to maintain the area by planting ground cover and trimming the top of the berm.. The berm will be maintained by the Association, but hand weeding, which was ineffective, is not one of the options.

The road resealing project will take place after the construction at Trotters Court is finished. A preliminary time frame is early fall.

Finance Committee

**No report**

Governance Committee

**No report**

Social Committee

**No report.**

New Business

Mr. Wiley met with John Hosbach, owner of Urban Forestry and a certified arborist, about the infestation of spotted lantern flies (SLF) in our woodlands. Several large clusters/colonies of SLF were discovered. Mr.Hosbach stated that there is no effective treatment to kill these pests. The colonies were found to cluster on several Tree of Heaven trees, a soft-wooded "junk" tree, and eventually these pests will kill these trees. One suggested action is to remove the Tree of Heaven trees from our woodlands, but Mr. Hosbach said that would cause the SLF to move to more robust hardwood trees, e.g., ash and oak trees.

Based on Mr. Hosbach's recommendation, the Board of Directors will take no further action to combat the SLF infestation, aside from sacrificing the Tree of Heaven trees to these pests.

There being nothing more to report, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Meredith Denovan, Board Secretary

August 20, 2020