

Belmor Lakes Homeowners' Association

General Meeting Minutes

Date: July 25, 2024

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Olive Branch Senior Center

Board members present: Bonnie Delashmit, Chad Deaton, Angie Halford, Troy Baxter, Matt Whitney, Carra Nowell

Board members absent: Kyle Werner, Wally Northam

Other homeowners present: 13

- I. Call to order – Bonnie called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Approval of minutes for April 25, 2024 meeting – Chad made a motion to approve the minutes. Bonnie seconded it. All in favor.
- III. Bonnie introduced our guest speaker, Charles Barton from the Desoto County School Board. Mr. Barton spoke to the homeowners for about 25 minutes. The biggest concern was if school lines were going to change. Mr. Barton said that isn't going to be done anytime soon and he will work to prevent it from happening.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Chad gave the report, since Kyle was absent.
 - The checking account balance is \$56,081.
 - Kyle opened a new interest earning account by transferring the money from the money market emergency fund plus approximately \$20,000 from our checking account to equal \$40,000 in this new account. Our goal is to have one year's worth of expenses in this account. A year's expenses is approximately \$73,000.
 - Large expenditures since last membership meeting in April include the purchase of 3 picnic tables at the gazebo for \$559, renewal of Quickbooks for \$623, pressure washing of the entrances and a soft wash of the gazebo for \$1,258, fence replacement by First Responders for \$14,700 and Graves & Palmertree Attorneys for \$1,571.
- V. President's Report – Bonnie Delashmit
 - Bonnie let everyone know that all fence sections on Dunn Lane have been replaced and we are working to replace the remaining ones on College Road. We did discuss getting a quote to have the ones that are left being soft washed and restained to make them look more uniform. The sections that have been replaced will be stained in the next 2-3 weeks by First Responders.

- Bonnie turned it over to Matt Whitney to talk about a proposal for a new fountain at the front entrance on College. The current fountain has a cracked basin and doesn't hold water. Matt suggested we replace the fountain with a simple bubbler fountain. He thinks the cost would be around \$500 and no more than \$700. Members present agreed that if we have a water feature at the entrance, it needs to be working. Bonnie suggested we get the College entrance fountain replaced this year and next year we work on getting one to match it for the Dunn entrance.
- We have 73 signatures for the rental ban. We need 100. We put Angie's phone number out on Facebook, email and remind for homeowners to contact her and she would go to them to get a signature.
- We are getting quotes on paver stones for the gazebo entrance and some repairs on the walking trail due to erosion from drainage.
- Bonnie proposed having a work day in the fall where we could add the pavers, remove dead tree limbs around the gazebo and replace boards on the bridge and stain the hand rails.
- We have created a new process for approval of outbuildings and pools. We also added wording about fences. Once the board approves the document, we will have it uploaded to the website.
- The lights at the front entrance were staying on during daytime hours. We had an electrician come and move the photo cell to fix this issue.
- The front entrance sprinklers were damaged, possibly when the city repaved the entrance. We had those repaired.

VI. Social Committee Report/ Upcoming Events – Angie gave the social report for Kathy Arnold. Angie told the members that the social committee will be meeting soon to plan the upcoming activities. She told members present if they are interested in serving on the social committee to let her know. Angie reported that our last events were the fishing rodeo in June and the 4th of July parade. We are looking at having another block party in the fall. If we aren't able to do a block party, we will have a movie night.

VII. Items for Discussion

- Mr. Love mentioned that the bricks on the front entrance on College look like they have shifted. He didn't think it was an immediate concern, but it does need to be addressed. We will check on this issue.
- Homeowners are concerned about the speeding in the neighborhood. The city has a trailer that they can park in the neighborhood or they can have officers patrol the area. Everyone was in favor of contacting the city to have them help address this issue.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

