

Meeting Minutes

YFMC Annual Meeting 1/14/15

6:30 The meeting is called to order by President Marika White

Rear Retention Pond-

-There is a section of fence that has been damaged by people trespassing in/out of the pond area. We have the supplies necessary for repair and are waiting for the weather to clear. We will be looking for volunteers at the end of the meeting.

-Both ponds are using the same vendor who is doing a great job

-Question: If a resident sees kids in the pond area what should he/she do?

Answer: Call the police, it is the safest option and stands the best chance of success. Please note as many details as possible to give the police (clothing color, hair color, bikes, etc..)

Deed Restriction Update-

-The Deed Restrictions passed with 56 signatures

-The new Deed Restrictions and signatures need to go the courthouse with the necessary fees

-The process is nearly done!

Contact with 100 Cornwell Dr

-YFMC Attorney is now involved

-Marika was verbally harassed when working in the front area, the Bell's had another run in

-Attorney notified Mr. Acosta to stop harassing Board members when they are working up front

-Question: Can we get the trees cut back?

-Answer: Hopper is taking charge of this effort right now. However, if people are experiencing connection difficulties (intermittent internet connections, fuzzy TV connections, crossed phone lines) during storms it may be because the lines come in through the high trees that line Red Lion Road. Comcast has said they will come out to evaluate the lines in the trees. However, Verizon will not. Additionally everyone should be aware that there is a major safety issue with the nature of the blind corner created by the trees. In fact Del Dot informed us that it was not up to code but "neither is the other side". Please use care when turning right onto Cornwell Dr from Red Lion Road, if there is a pedestrian exiting on that side of the road you might not be able to see him/her. Use the same care when exiting York Farms and looking for cars travelling East down Red Lion Road.

St George's Road

-When going door to door last summer the Bell's heard from many St George's residents that they had opinions they felt weren't being heard. In order to accommodate those voices we put St George's Road on the agenda; however, no residents from St. George's Road came to the meeting so no discussion was had.

Budget

- Landscaping fees have not gone up in ~10 years
- The retention pond maintenance contract is fixed at the same price, line 3 shows cuts to the maintenance pond budget
- (line 4) Budget for structural repairs to both ponds
- Light bulbs for the front signs
- Utilities to the front sign, has dropped as there is now only one sign

-Front sign repair includes cleaning and painting that was scheduled this fall but was delayed by the contractor due to weather. Also, the sign is no longer connected to one pillar. While the contractor who last worked on the sign denies causing this, a second contractor looked at the damage and said the first contractor most likely caused it. Because the first contractor was paid in part by bond money Marika is pursuing action through NCC to fix the problem.

-Snow removal and salting - the bulk of the price is salting, not plowing. It's \$1320 every time we salt. Right now we plow at 3", although we are reimbursed by DelDot only when they register over 4". Last week, during the first snow of 2015, the whole neighborhood was plowed but only the front hill was salted. Please note that during that storm DelDot registered zero snow for the Bear area.

-Resident is frustrated over lack of salting, it's too icy and the plows are not doing a good enough job. After discussion and a vote it is agreed that each storm is different and we will stick with plowing at 3" unless the temperature drops. If the temperature drops we will reevaluate salting/plowing.

-We ask ALL residents to remember this is a community effort. If you feel the roads are unsafe, please notify a Board member immediately. No one remains in the neighborhood 100% of the time and we need your support in keeping our roads safe and drivable.

-NCC Administration fee of \$730 per year

-Attorney fees include delinquencies as well as some deed work

-The lawyer worked on doing some levies. Our top 5 delinquencies all went to levy stage. We did receive \$1,000 and \$1,700 from two homeowners. We have 3 still ongoing. Sometimes the neighbors will not allow the Sheriff on the property. We attempted a wage garnish but did not have a social security number. The process is not cut and dried.

-A vote was taken - Do we stop or keep going after people who owe back dues? It was agreed that we keep going.

-YFMC Insurance/PO Box/Office Supplies/Taxes- all exactly as stated

-Legal Expenses Related to Court Filings- To reimburse the Board member who must appear for mileage and parking costs for appearing in Wilmington

-Approval Committee Legal Expenses - In case the Approval Committee needs to take legal action under the new Deed Restrictions

-Question: Can we leave the net due per household at \$125 per household instead of dropping the rate to \$100 per house?

-Answer: A vote is taken and it is agreed that we will keep the assessment at \$125/household per year and the extra money will be allocated to snow removal to allow for potentially increased salting/plowing per people's requests. Snow removal is increased to \$6950.

-Elections

-Reginald Thomas is nominated. He declines the nomination.

-Marika White nominates Andrew Wylie of 102 Cornwell Drive. As Mr. Wylie is not in attendance we will know at a later date if he accepts a position with the YFMC Board.

-The vote reelects Marika White and Karin Bell and Andrew Wylie, should he decide to accept

-Volunteer Opportunities

-Trash-When we see trash, especially along the roads or in the front area, it is up to all of us in the community to help keep our community clean.

-The rear retention pond fence - a sign-up sheet is passed around. Two people volunteered to help with this and other times we need assistance. If you are willing to lend a hand PLEASE let us know!!! There are an abundance of opportunities for volunteers in the community to accommodate a variety of skills/preferences.

-Downed Light Poles - DelMarVa is directly responsible for the light poles in York Farms. If you see a downed pole you do not need to notify Marika or Karin,

you can call DelMarVa directly. This will lead to our lights being repaired as quickly as possible and our roads being as safe as possible. Thank you!

-Repaving-

-Mr. Thomas reported that Senator Poore's office had informed him that our road would not be repaved for another 1-2 years. We are VERY happy to report that a follow up to this has confirmed that Cornwell Drive up to Wales Ct has been fully funded and work should begin spring/summer 2015 according to Rep. Longhurst's office. Please look for a YFMC notice in your mailbox in the next week for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm