

# Foxfire Community HOA Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2020

Time: 4:30 PM Networking; 5:00 PM Meeting

In attendance: 23 people

- Networking: Meet and greet time with desserts provided by attendees.
- Meeting called to order by President of Board, Jerry Shomali
  - Welcome address was given by the president and prior president
  - Thank you to Ola and his family for serving the last 3 years as board president
  - Committee Board members were introduced
  - Went around room for everyone to introduce themselves
- Community Development Accomplishments
  - Added lights to the park for safety
  - Added signs at the Troy entrance and parks – signs came with warranty
  - Added mulch to the playground in 2019 which is done every few years
  - Added a tire swing and replaced broken swing – tire swing fixed about 4 times in 2019
- Financial Statements (2019 actual and 2020 budget)
  - The treasurer presented the 2019 expenses and discussed
    - Lawn maintenance has been reduced to every 10 days instead of weekly
    - Pond treatment is now 3 times per year from 6 treatments
    - Snowplowing happens after a cumulative of 6 inches – city should be plowing the addition but since we hire someone the city will not send someone in
  - Discussion of moving the HOA dues payment to Dec 31<sup>st</sup>
    - Decision to change the date was explained
    - Apologies were given for the short notice
    - The HOA expenses run from January to December so dues should be made by January
    - Payment plans can be set in place and individuals can pre-pay for the next year through the year
    - Opinions were shared about the date change. More of a notice would have been appreciated by the community members. There was a request to move the payment date back to February 1st
  - Discussion of homes that do not pay on time or at all
    - The 2019 President and Vice President went door to door several times throughout 2019 to collect dues from 10 homes
    - Starting in 2020, the current board president shared he can take people to small claims court for not paying dues if they are not working with the HOA Community Board Committee to make plans for payments without using an attorney. If taken to small claims court, the homeowners will have to pay all fees associated.
  - Payment of HOA dues
    - Due to liability, no cash payments can be used to pay dues in the future

- Money orders will need to stop as they are not allowed to be deposited by mobile banking
    - Our preferred payment method is through PayPal – instructions are on invoice or dues sheet found on HOA website
    - It is very important to cut down on the amount of time it takes to gather the checks/money orders, process payments, go to the bank, etc. as all board members are all volunteers and most everyone has the ability to pay bills online
    - Check is acceptable if unable to pay online
  - Presented the 2020 projected budget
    - Explained the breakdown of the budget
    - Treasurer suggested the budget has room for unforeseen expenses and project development
    - Treasurer explained the board committee has no way of knowing exactly what the snow removal, lawn care and some expenses will actually be and may need to be adjusted due to weather issues.
    - Discussed the repair to the playground and common are including the basketball goal falling under the maintenance budget
- Committees: Every homeowner is a member of the HOA and is encouraged to serve on a committee. Current executive board members want to use survey monkey to get more community members involved in activities and suggested these committees:
  - Executive Board:
    - Consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
  - Community Annual Meeting:
    - Discussed having a semi-annual meeting in May/June with a pitch in for the community. Suggestions to meet somewhere for a pitch-in, a block party and meeting preferable on a Saturday where more can attend. Discussed the desire of the previous and current board to build a stronger community with communication, tolerance, and safety
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> Committee:
    - Will send out a survey monkey to see who might be interested
  - Development and Improvements Committee:
    - To talk about upgrades and continuing to keep our community looking inviting and appealing to people
  - Garage Sale Committee:
    - Adding the community garage sale again: Survey monkey can be sent for interest.
- Concerns to be addressed
  - Holes in roads by water drains:
    - Please call the Mayor Action line to report so our roads can be repaired before someone gets hurt. The more people who turn it in, the faster they fix it
  - Snow Removal and mowing decisions:

- City can plow if we tell them we do not provide the service anymore. We will not be a priority.
    - We will be mowing every 10 days unless needed sooner
  - Renters in the development:
    - Renting Companies should not own homes in our HOA per our bylaws. During 2008 recession, 4 to 5 homes were purchased by renting companies
    - HOA Community Board Committee plans on making efforts to push the rental companies out
    - Individuals can own homes and rent them out
  - Parking on the street:
    - It is legal and there is nothing that can be done besides talking to neighbors
    - Cannot permanently park on the street
  - Trash cans in front of homes:
    - Please make sure they are not seen from the road and please help your neighbors
    - Should only see trash cans Monday evening and Tuesday (trash pick-up day)
  - Lack of lawn maintenance in some homes
    - Letters and correspondence are sent to those homes
    - HOA Community Board Committee members have also went door to door talking to Community members on lawn maintenance
  - Architectural form for changes in your home:
    - Forms need completed and 2 copies submitted for changes on homes – repairs are fine
    - Forms can be found on HOA website
  - Pond treatment and concerns:
    - Swans were purchased for the Community not for just the homes by the ponds. Community members who walk the sidewalks were also affected by the geese due to poop on the sidewalks
    - Other methods to help with the geese were discussed with no viable alternatives at this time
    - Pond treatment has been reduced to 3 times per year
  - Trailers of any sort should not be parked in the driveway or on the street permanently (not more than five days).
  - Basketball should not be played on the street.
    - It was brought to the HOA Community Board Committee that some people's goals were taken down by the City as someone from the executive committee reported them.
    - A discussion of needing a community basketball area was discussed at length
- Changes to bylaws
  - Able to make changes after 20 years
  - Possible adding sheds
  - Needing to look at the date to confirm after 2020 changes can be made as someone thought it was 2019
- Ola shared with everyone in attendance that the executive board does not have to ask the community when making certain decisions and asked everyone to support the current board. He shared everyone is doing the best they can and mistakes can and might be made. He thanked everyone for their help in the 3 years he served
- Action plan:

- Will hold a second HOA meeting in May/June
- Need someone to fix the electrical outlet on Troy entrance
- Meeting adjourned: Victoria Harris made the motion, Linda Davis second, President adjourned meeting.