

COBBLESTONE QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARDS

The Master and Town Boards held a community meeting on February 28th, 2019.

Master officers Dorothy Buffone, Adam Maples, Barbara Dobson, and Town officers, Steve Bauer, Gay Thornton, and Randy Gray were all present along with Amy Hicks, our new representative to Cobblestone from Braesael.

President Dorothy Buffone, from the Master Board, welcomed the residents, and introduced all the above.

MASTER BOARD

A meeting agenda was provided and approved, along with the minutes from the Annual Meeting.

Landscaping - Our new landscaping company, Providence, is looking forward to working in our community. We do not have a schedule for mowing as of yet, but will let everyone know once it is set. Constant rain has left our property too wet for mowing right now. They have spread fertilizer and will soon be planting our spring flowers out front. If you have any concerns, please address them to your liaisons: Gary Walters in the single-family homes, and Steve Bauer in the town homes. We encourage everyone to visit the Providence page on our Cobblestone website. It contains a lot of good information.

Pool- Our new pool company, Aqua Tech, has given us the ok for the pool to open in May. However, they have advised us that the time is coming for us to have the pool resurfaced. The pool opened in 2008, and the resurfacing is usually done at the 10-year mark. The board will be getting several quotes, and will inform the community before this is done. The procedure will be done once the pool season ends and the pool is closed. Aqua Tech has informed us it will be more cost effective at that time.

Pool Cards- We will be reactivating all pool cards. Residents will be notified to bring their cards to the clubhouse to be recorded. There will be two Saturdays in April to do this. Once we have the dates, an email will be sent. You will have to record your card to enter the pool deck.

ACC - The chairs of the Acc were announced: Thea Vicari, Renee Hasty, and Debbie Lewis. Residents were advised to send their requests to them. Forms are on the website. If you cannot print the form, any member of the boards will be glad to provide that service.

Committee Sign Up Sheets- The Board presented 9 different committee sign-up sheets:

Social

Landscape

Financial

Welcoming

Food Bank

Pool & Clubhouse

Neighbor Assistance

Clubhouse Cleaning

Neighborhood Watch

If you did not attend the meeting, you can still volunteer for any of these by emailing Dorothy Buffone. If you have been participating in any of these committees in the past, please let her know, so she can have a complete list of everyone who will be participating.

Open Session - Wayne Sallow brought up a landscaping question pertaining to the property above the wall behind the homes on Sourwood. There was a question as to who should maintain the area. It was addressed by Gary Walters, Liaison for the single families, who will look into it.

A question pertaining to fence maintenance was presented by Carol Sanchez from the town homes. This is something that has been discussed in prior years by both boards and was addressed by Steve Bauer from the Town Board. Residents are responsible to maintain the area under their fences. The landscape company will not trim the area, as the weed whackers will damage the fence. Fence owners can opt to have Providence apply a chemical to kill the grass in that area and then have a plan to maintain the area.

There will be an initial cost, and you can contact your liaison if interested. If not, you are responsible for trimming under and around both sides of your fence.

Last year the Master Board made changes to the By Laws. One of those changes allowed the board to change the By Laws without a community vote.

This was afforded to HOA boards by a S.C. Law. Henry Frantz from the single-family homes was not in agreement, and was under the impression that the homeowners could vote to overrule the board. Our Braesael representative explained that this was not an option and was done legally by the former board. It has been recorded with the state. There are no plans to reverse it at this time.

A suggestion was made by Henry Frantz from the single-family homes to erect a message board at the club house. A drawing was presented and we asked him to submit all information on the cost of the board and the installation. This will be considered at a later time.

TOWN BOARD

The 2019 budget was approved.

January Financials were discussed by Randy Gray, Secretary. Everything looks in order and will be posted on the website.

Pond behind Crown Vista - All repairs have been done. New pump and lighting have been installed. This will all be paid for out of the operating budget.

Killingsworth - It is now time for our 10-year Termite Control process. Costing about \$9700, it will be paid for from our reserves. Residents will be notified when it will take place, as they will be digging a trench next to the homes to do this application. It will be done and covered up at the same time. This is something that has to be done and carries a great warranty.

Assessments - The HOA fees went up this year. To allow residents to make changes to their method of payment, no late fees were charged in January.

Acc - An email was sent out requesting volunteers for the Acc. No one came forward for consideration, so the committee is chaired by 3 members from the single-family homes.

Trees - This is an ongoing discussion. There have been some issues with the trees and the roots affecting our plumbing, driveways, and foundations. The board is working with Braesael to get quotes from 3 different arborists on how to proceed. Residents will be informed with plans for any removal to be done. Steve Bauer addressed the situation, and said we will be scoping again, since it has been 2 years since it was last done. Residents will be informed when this will be done. There was also some concern about tree screening in different areas of the town homes. Better screening is needed behind the mail kiosk, blocking the traffic on 521. Steve Bauer addressed the residents on different trees that were being looked at to remedy the situation. More news to follow.

Residents were thanked for attending and the meeting was closed.