

The Orchard Hill Homeowners Association



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Minutes from Annual Meeting

June 06, 2013

Meeting began at 7:10pm

In Attendance:

Kathi McMahon, Susan Lutz, Steve Joseph, Cynthia Daniels, Sharon Trudel

Discussed last meeting's minutes of May 2012. Rusty Lutz motioned to accept. Tracy Fitzhugh seconded. Motion carried.

Kathi discussed that there would be no dumpster this year and to call HC to schedule pickup on garbage days.

Also Board and property owners discussed survey, which was done because of questions of boundaries. Kathi has made some calls to different survey companies and we are now waiting on quotes. Surveys will be done throughout all of Orchard Hill as recommended by Board Lawyer, and may take up to a couple of years depending on budget.

Chris Weathers (Hopewell Ave) asked about the results of survey and hoping that Hopewell will also be surveyed. Also asked about snow removal on sidewalks and tree trimming. Kathi will email LGLU about tree trimming on Hopewell. Chris said he would call LGLU regarding snow removal.

Chris is concerned about papers accumulating in front of homes when homeowner is on vacation. Board suggested he talk to his neighbors about picking up papers for them and vice versa.

Chris asked Board if there was any chance of getting a traffic light on corner of Oakland Mills and Dawn Day Drive. Discussed writing a letter to Ken Ullman, and calling Howard County Information Line possibly combining with Sewell's Orchard. Tracy will start petition for traffic light.

Update: There have been two traffic accidents on corner of Oakland Mills Rd & Dawn Day Dr. in the last 2 weeks.

Joanne Collins asked if community can use common area for picnics etc. and if we could have a diagram made to show common areas that are available for use. Also asked if the board would consider putting permanent markers on properties. Everyone was in favor of doing so. Discussed what we could use as permanent markers – possibly tent stakes at end of properties, which should be consistent.

Joanne said she will call Howard County about sidewalks.
Tracy requested Tree Removal Company information.

Loreece Basnight asked about dead branches on Oakland Mills Road.
Kathi has called LGLU to clean up dead branches on Oakland Mills Rd.

Mr. Franklin talked about HC Police organizing Neighborhood Watch if asked. We should invite them to Board meeting to discuss. Also asking Police about possibility of traffic light on corner of Oakland Mills & Dawn Day Dr.

Cynthia Daniels asked about having speed bumps put in Dawn Day Dr. and Light Point as there are many drivers in the community who speed around neighborhood.
Kathi will find out from Howard County.

Treasurer: Steve discussed the budget and raising the dues this year only 3%, making the dues \$300.00 for 2013. Tracy motioned to accept budget. Chris seconded. Motion carried. Steve mentioned he will make a point of collecting unpaid dues this year. Will visit and try to resolve issues. 10 per cent of OHHA homeowners are delinquent.

Arborist: Report for June 2012-2013

June 2012 LGLU trimmed all pine branches on Oakland Mills Rd and removed all debris and limbs \$675.00

September 2012 Freestate Services removed two dead trees from hedgerow (one fallen and one in danger of falling) for \$1300.00.

November 2012 LGLU removed planter box from Common Area and ground one stump for \$522.00.

November 2012 Board tried to get some volunteers to do a neighborhood clean up. Doug Daniels filled up 44 bags of leaves on both sides of Dawn Day Drive down to Light Point.
Independent Lawn Contracted Brian Hernandez (571 278-2561) cleaned up Tot Lot for \$100.00

ARC:

Sharon reminded meeting attendees to request prior ARC approval for any exterior changes to property.

Everyone should have received new and updated By-Laws and Declaration in December. They are also available on OHHA Website as are ARC application forms.

New Business:

Three Board positions are available as of now: President, Secretary and Treasurer. Kathi (President) and Steve (Treasurer) are able to stay on until someone steps up to fill position. Cynthia (Secretary) is unable to stay on at present because of family issues, but will help out when able.

Kathi asked for people to volunteer for Board positions.

Gurney Basnight will come back as member-at-large.

Clarissa Ferrara will come back as Web master.

Steve asked for people to step up and volunteer for 4th July and get involved with our community.

Also needed are volunteers for new Tot Lot once it is surveyed.

Special Events:

Update: 4th July Parade will not be held this year.

National Night Out – Ice Cream Social will be August 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Cynthia Daniels
Secretary.