

Countryside South Homeowners Association Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Moore at 7:05 PM. Board members Jim Moore, Rich Larsen, John Mattson, Jody Jarding, Tom Mastel and Drew Anderson were present. A quorum was reached. Also in attendance were CSS residents Ken Asheim, Karen Ellison and Tracy Kloster and Loren and Jan Geske of LTG Services.

Drew Anderson read the minutes from the February 23rd, 2016 meeting. Tom moved to accept the minutes. Rich seconded and the motion carried.

There was no Treasurer's Report as Delia Thompson was absent.

Old Business:

Jim received and signed the revised contract, without tree spraying included, from Tru-Green.

Further budget review and discussion was tabled due to Delia being out of town.

The new street signs and lights have been installed and look very nice. Some residents thought they would be taller, but overall the reaction has been positive. It was noted that Doubletree Rd and Bitter Root Ct are spelled incorrectly on the new signs. Karen Ellison is on the road district board and volunteered to mention this to the road district president.

The board discussed the possibility of a fine system for covenant violations. The by-laws do appear to give the board the power to implement such a system. It could serve to be a deterrent to people parking trailers and boats in driveways and cars in the street overnight. There is some hesitation to get involved with fines as the board spent \$20,000 fighting a fence and shed in the neighborhood and lost a decision at the SD Supreme Court. Jean drew up a complaint form, and Jim found a similar form in the board's archives, that would allow residents to present a more detailed description of the complaint and what steps they have taken to remedy the complaint before bringing it to the board's attention. The board will start using these forms and leave the possibility of fines for covenant violations open.

A second bid for upgrading the playground equipment and grounds was received and it is in line with the first bid. Rich talked with parents that use the playgrounds and said they stated they like the playgrounds the way they are. The equipment definitely needs attention, so Tom motioned to move forward with fixing the equipment and leaving the grounds as they are for the time being. Rich seconded and the motion carried.

Karen Ellison reported that everything continues to run smoothly with the CSS Facebook page.

Croell has applied for a well at the Perli Pit that would pump 100 gallons a minute. Such a well could affect the water in CSS, as that is a large volume of water per minute. The construction permit for the proposed expansion of the gravel pit is on the agenda for the Pennington County Commissioner's meeting on April 5th at 9 am.

Delia is looking into the liability insurance questions raised at last month's meeting, but is out of town for this month's meeting.

New Business:

Loren Geske appeared to discuss mowing recommendations for 2016. His biggest recommendation was to remove the drainage ditch areas from the regular areas to be mowed and perhaps mow them as needed if requested by residents living near them. He also recommends starting in May and having a more flexible schedule as to when mowing is to be done, depending on the weather. He stated that his prices would stay the same as last year, other than the drainage ditches, which would go up due to the amount of work involved with mowing them. Jim will redo the mowing contract to better reflect the areas needing to be mowed. Tom motioned to hire LTG Services to mow in 2016. John seconded and the motion carried.

Ken Asheim asked about the dead trees along Countryside Blvd as you drive into the neighborhood. Those trees were planted by the road district, which is planning to replace them this year. He also voiced concerns about dogs running loose and chasing people on Snowberry Ct. The board will again remind residents to keep pets confined on their property.

Architectural Control Committee:

There was one request made of the ACC this month. Jody Jarding presented plans for a 10'x14' shed and an 8'x16' garden in her yard. Tom moved to accept this request. Jim seconded and the motion carried.

Tom moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Rich seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 25th, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Whispering Pines Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Anderson, Secretary