

Pine Forest Owners Association

Membership Meeting

May 25th, 2013

Pine Forest Board members present were Dave Chantler, Harry Grant, Marishka Marten, and Jim Rogers. There were about 30 members present.

Dave Chantler called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Financial Review

Dave Chantler went over the 2012 profit/loss statement and reported the water loan is the highest fixed expense. Snow plowing is the highest unfixed expense, with the water system and road maintenance following. In response to a question from a member, Dave reported that there will not be an adjustment to the water fees once the water loan is paid off. There may be a need to install more water tanks in the future however, with the possibility of 53 more homes to be built, but current water system is in good shape and under control.

Larry Anderson is transitioning in as the Water Manager and his telephone number is available on the Pine Forest Owners' Association website. Members are encouraged to contact Larry for any concerns or issues. Larry reported that he is working on getting back up people within Pine Forest to cover for him and Manager Andy Oosterhof if they are unavailable or out of town. Larry reported that the lower pump house will be replaced and funds have been allocated.

Building Projects

Dave reported that the architectural guidelines and project deposit fees on the website have been in place for a long time, but to ensure fairness, have been revised. Dave reported that one building project is about to be completed and two others are ready to start.

Forest Fire Management/Plan

Member Lynn Lewicki addressed the members with the history of the Forest Stewardship Program since the mid 90's and plan over the last few years, which has helped tremendously. The Association has received federal grants in the past. Lynn will look into new programs and apply for a 50/50 matching funds plan. We have a new forest steward, who will provide recommendations as to what to do in the greenbelt areas and general recommendations on private lots. While there some funds are available to implement recommendations for the greenbelt areas, we will have to pay for at least half.

Member Jim Worser volunteered to look into putting together an evacuation plan in the event of a forest fire in Pine Forest and asked for others to volunteer and work with him. Lynn Lewicki suggested adding a link to the website for forest plan evacuation information and updates.

After discussions relating to the small fire truck/pumper unit (the "Fire Truck") located in Pine Forest, it was decided to discontinue the use of the limited pumping capacity Fire Truck because in the event of a fire in Pine Forest, it is simply best to evacuate and leave the area as soon as possible, thereby

leaving no one to man the Fire Truck, and according to the forest service and fire district, it would be in the way of the professional firefighters.

Board Elections

The current board members are Dave Chantler, Harry Grant, Jim Rogers, Lynn Theobald, Marishka Marten and Casey Ruud. The terms are staggered with (i) two year terms, and (ii) three year terms. Except for Dave, Jim and Casey, certain Board seats are up for election. Lynn, Marishka and Harry are up for election and would like to continue on the Board.

The Board nominees are Lynn Theobald, Marishka Marten and Harry Grant.

After further discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following were elected to the Board to begin serving:

Lynn Theobald
Marishka Marten
Harry Grant

Open Discussion

Pine Forest Email Blog/Facebook Page. Member Deb Dehrling proposed that a Pine Forest email blog or Facebook page created where members can connect and volunteered to look into setting it up.

Forest Plan Funds. After further discussion as to whether or not

there are enough funds in the Forest Plan, it was determined that we won't know until the Forest Steward develops a plan and has set forth recommendations. However, it was noted the funds will not pay for removal of trees larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Miscellaneous

Member Email Address List. Dave passed around a sheet for members to provide email addresses so the Board can communicate more efficiently and cost effectively via email verse the US Post Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Marishka Marten
Acting Secretary

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