

*Forest Trails HOA Annual Meeting - via Zoom.us  
July 28, 2020*

Call to Order – 7:05pm by Hughes Bertrand, President

Call for Quorum

7:08 –Successful (26 homeowners logged into Zoom.us meeting)

2019 minutes - Read by Secretary and passed by acclamation.

Reports of Officers –

Conrad Smith – Secretary

Secretary handling realtor/homeowner information requests, forwarding them to Schram. Coordinating email/voicemail with appropriate Board members.

Mark Smith – ACC

A number of homeowners have been asking about how to go about making changes to their house/yard. Indicated that homeowners need to use form on the FT website to forward plans and paint colors for evaluation and approval.

Changes to windows and garage doors is generally not an issue if they are standard, but ACC would like people to send a copy of what they're doing so we have it on file.

Seven people currently on the committee, but with the size of the subdivision, more is better. Short discussion on how the ACC functions.

Stan Haralson – Treasurer

With COVID and all the related issues, the Board decided to drop the annual dues for 2020 to \$100. The Board finances are in good condition at this time, though future decisions on landscaping and general upkeep may require a return to the \$125 value in 2021, as discussed below.

Concerning landscaping, the current contractor has been contacted numerous times about the quality of the work being done, primarily due to the fact that much of the work covered by the contract is either neglected or done in a sub-standard manner. Since we have worked with the current contractor for over a decade, the cost of changing contractors will likely involve an increase in cost.

The condition of the North entry has deteriorated as well, with replacement of one of the entry signs estimated at about \$4000. In addition, the general condition of the shrubbery and plants at that entry area has deteriorated, and a new landscaping contract might need to cover redesign and replanting/upkeep of that greenery. It was also noted that a tree on the west side of the intersection was growing to the extent that it blocked clear vision of oncoming traffic for vehicles exiting the subdivision. It may be necessary to trim or replace the tree. The physical location of the crossing flag container on the East side of the entry has also been brought into contention, and a request for its relocation to avoid blocking driver vision many need to be brought up to the County.

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The current Board will stay on for 2020.

Committees – Not surprisingly, other than general ACC review and approval this year, committee activities have been minimal. Some homeowners expressed interest in supporting the ACC activities, and homeowners in general were requested to consider joining or sending in ideas for the landscape and Maintenance committees. Anyone interested in acting in a support position for any of the Board positions (Asst. Secretary, Asst Treasurer) should contact the Board with their interest.

New Business – None

General Discussions –

Regarding the amount of work being done on landscaping, including weed control, it was brought up that weed control methods in the public areas need to take into consideration the number of kids and dogs that use or pass by those areas. It was noted that licensed contractors work to ensure compliance with EPA and Safety regulations, and while there shouldn't be a problem, the Board will ensure that information on what is used, and how can be obtained from the contractor and made available. In most cases, it was indicated that after spraying, affected areas are marked with signs and collateral effects are minimal.

No further discussions, meeting adjourned at 8:14pm