

Mountain Laurel Estates HOA Meeting 6/8/2023

Meeting Start Time: 7:06 pm

The Annual HOA Meeting is being held at the Masonic Lodge 1515 Ten Rod Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852

The number of attendees was 26 proxies and 44 total.

The meeting minutes from last year were discussed as being available online. With no objections to the minutes as presented, a motion to accept them as-is was made and carried.

Old Business:

Annual Report of Officers and Committees

Budget Review:

The Treasurer's report for the period of 6/2022 to 5/2023 was discussed.

Under budget because didn't spend on playground (yet) and it will carry over.

Trees being trimmed/cleaned up next week but is part of 2022 budget.

Fees are going over for landscaping but there is still \$1000 buffer over minimum so no increase in dues needed.

New landscape contract is good for 3 years (exclusive of gas prices)

Legal fees are staying the same at \$500. Insurance went up and is reflected in budget.

Cutting mulch and cleaning went over budget in 2022 due to fuel surcharge. Negotiated the base fee to go for a lower fuel surcharge %.

General improvements are under budget. Kept \$6000 budget for this year for improvements

Block parties: only 1 this year so \$200 under this year, carried over.

Postal rental fee went up but still under budget.

RI Court Filing fee over budget by \$22 and they changed the filing date. On budget over 2 year span

Web fee due in 2025.

New Addition: Online payment system for dues. Researching options to present next year. Many options have a fee. Google Pay offers no fee so looking at the option.

Playground - Erica Boutelle

REC department owns it but there are records that the HOA owns it. Town will contribute \$5000 to refurbish. Is it limited to a playground structure? As long as it falls into recreation purposes it can be something that isn't a playground.

Suggest fix the court and possibly put in benches plus the entrances. Can we agree to have it removed this year and then what something do we want there? Looking for recommendations. Will town contribute the paving a better price than professional independent contractor?

Pinecrest Development (Near Back 40) Is probably approved which may affect traffic to a local playground.

Motion to:

Move playground budget and call it General Contingency fund as the line item. (Hypothetically reserved for the contingency meeting regarding playground)

Ask town to clear land

Further investigation into clear the land

Interim meeting when we know more - Passed.

Election of Directors (Current)

President: Robert Case

Vice President: Erica Boutelle

Secretary: Renee Kent

Treasurer: Dylan Kwarczyk

Motion to keep all officers: Keep. Motion Carried.

Members at Large: Michelle Manning - No longer in neighborhood.
Peter Trask
Brian Feroldi

Jason Catelli
Becca Laptook
Tim Davis

Joining. Debbie Perry joining at large members.
Motion to remove Michelle and add Debbie - Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Continued Landscape Improvements

Warwick Tree will perform tree work at both entrances and at the playground trail entrance on Tuesday June 13

Board will look into the excessive dirt around tree and how much a mature tree would be to replant it.

Ray from Beacon will fix rock/cements on signs entering from Plain Road.
More signage requested for curbing dogs.

Continued Social Gatherings and Future Hosts

Fall Gathering on Tamarack - Nov 4 is the proposed date.

New Business

Add Benches to neighborhood at bus stop

Need Children Slow sign for Autumn people drive too fast

When will town pave our neighborhood?

Trees blocking view for turns on Autumn?

Discounts for services like driveway resurfacing or house painting? - Individuals can manage this via Facebook page

Speed bumps an option? Board will ask town

Power wash the mountain laurel signs? Board will inquire about cleaning them

Dues due by June 30

Motion to Adjourn at 8:10 Passed