

October 6, 2020

Present: Brandon Nunley, Jen Hanlan, Steve Stoichev, Gail Sickling, Ruth Zimmerman, Josh Keller.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

PRESIDENT: (Architectural Committee) Brandon reported that the resident who constructed a fence in violation of the Architectural Approval Plan still refuses to rectify the problem. Brandon is considering the forced removal of the fence in accordance of 3.01 of the Covenants: "Declarant shall be entitled and empowered to remove any construction undertaken pursuant to plans and specifications that have not been expressly approved in writing."

There has been a complaint regarding the burning of yard waste by a resident in which the smoke is blowing into neighboring yards. The City of Smyrna has a specific ordinance against the burning of yard waste unless a permit is obtained: "*No outside burning of rubbish/yard waste (as defined in [50-27](#)) is allowed at any time within the city limits.*"

***These types of fires DO NOT require a permit and are allowed all year.***

- Grilling or cooking using charcoal, **clean wood**, propane or natural gas.
- Burning of a **recreational fire**.
- Burning in a chiminea, **portable outdoor fireplace**, fire bowl or similar device.

***Open Burning is allowed October 1st through March 30th after obtaining a Residential Burn Permit.*** (<https://www.smyrnaga.gov/your-government/public-safety/fire-department/outdoor-burning>) Brandon will speak with the homeowner.

Brandon also reports that a resident complained about the street signs being dirty. Even though the signs are the property of the City of Smyrna, resident Ed Plankster was kind enough to wash all the signs. Ed, who works at the City Recycling Center, wants to place bins at the clubhouse for glass recycling waste. The Board agreed as long as the bins are not visible from the street. Placement behind the rows of shrubs on the right side of the clubhouse was suggested.

There has been much discussion about trick or treating in the neighborhood this year (in light of Covid-19). Halloween falls on a Saturday, so there is little possibility of discouraging trick or treaters. If a resident does not want to participate, then they should simply turn off their lights. Brandon will contact Smyrna police to see if the Board can hire an off-duty policeman to monitor activities with the hope of discouraging the outside vehicles who historically have come to Austin Lake on Halloween. The Board will not sponsor any in-person party or parade this year. There was a suggestion to conduct an online (via Facebook) costume contest. Pictures would be posted to the Austin Lake facebook page by November 2nd and residents could vote on their favorite costume through November 5th. Josh will coordinate this activity.

TREASURER: Ruth reported the following bank balances: Operating Account \$29,637  
Community Development Fund \$11,895  
Reserve Account \$27,026  
TOTAL: \$68,559

Ruth also mentioned going forward with the placement of a lien one property for non-payment of annual dues. Kelly Layfield has assisted with the legal document.

GROUNDS: Jen reported for Leanne:

- The clubhouse code has been changed.
- Gibbs Landscape will begin their contract on November 1st.
- Pool is now closed. Arrangements will be made to pick up the donated furniture from Windy Hill Athletic Club.
- Drinnon Painting will repair the wall in the clubhouse that was damaged when the mirror fell.
- CNC Gutters is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7th, to clean the gutters on the clubhouse.
- Gate on the tennis court needs to be repaired.

SOCIAL: Steve reminded everyone about the Artist Showcase this Friday, October 9th from 6-9pm at the Clubhouse. Steven will monitor the attendance to make sure there are no more than 10 people inside the clubhouse at one time. Scott Perkins' band will play outside in the parking lot.

SECRETARY: Gail is working on updating the website to reflect new homeowners in the directory. Any changes to the current website is very labor-intensive, including posting the current Board minutes. She will attempt the change in the next few days. Future attention might be directed to creating an easier method for posting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Sickling