

ASHTON POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTOR MEETING

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Meeting at Vista Park, Enfield Drive

Meeting was held in the park and pizza, pop and water were available to homeowners attending the meeting.

Open discussion with homeowners included:

Mail boxes –

The majority felt the homeowner association taking over the maintenance of the mail boxes was a good idea. Three options were discussed, all of which include the association handling all maintenance;

1. Keeping current mail boxes.
2. Building group mail boxes where 10-20 mail boxes would be grouped together.
3. Installing new mail boxes where current mail boxes are located but nicer more upscale type of mail box.

The majority voted for option 3.

Monument at north entrance-

We discussed the estimated cost of \$12,000-\$15,000 to put in a new monument at the north entrance off 100th street. Owner of the lot has verbally agreed to allow an easement to allow the sign to be installed. Question homeowners if they felt a large expenditure was agreeable. Most liked the idea of an additional sign, no one was against the cost since we do have adequate funds available. However when asked if they would prefer nice new mail boxes that would be maintained by the association or a new monument sign the majority vote was that the mail boxes would be the preferred expenditure.

Prairie-

We discussed issues with the prairie this past year due to missing the mowing opportunity in the early spring. We are continually working with Inger to insure the prairie is looking its best. Native prairie may not always be as colorful and flowering as a non-native prairie but non-native grasses can get out of control so we have stayed with an Iowa natural prairie. Next year the prairie is scheduled to be burned and Elizabeth Doerrfeld stated she has the contact information for the company to handle the burn in 2018. She also stated she has developed another prairie contact to ensure we are looking at all options to properly maintain the prairie. Discussed possibility of placing benches in the prairie, homeowners seemed to like the idea and the possibility of limestone or other sturdy low maintenance benches seemed to be a good option.

Revision to Covenants -

Discussed the need to alter our covenants now that development of all lots is completed. May need to place more restrictions/ expectations on homeowners to properly maintain their properties. Any changes would require a 2/3 approval from homeowners. We will look towards year end to send out a survey to obtain owner feedback before moving forward.

Codo-Cafe Portal -

Elizabeth Doerrfeld explained purpose of the Condo-Cafe and requested homeowner's use it as an easy way to pay their homeowners dues.

Open questions/comments –

Homeowner asked if we could send out financials on budget. Elizabeth advised we have an association web site and she can start to add this to the site.

Water valves in the sidewalk sticking up. – Someone stated these can be hammered back down, flush with sidewalk but most owners are not aware of this. Suggest place a block of wood on top on the valve then hit it down flush. Association and city will not do it since there is a risk of breaking the valve. Also suggest it be down during wet conditions.

Large gaps/ cracks in the trail through the prairie – Unanimous vote that this was an issue and the association should contact the city and request this be fixed on behalf of all homeowners.

Storm water drain issue; Homeowner at 9640 Wickham said there is a storm drain in the property behind him and to the West that is not draining quick enough to stop yard from flooding during the heavy rain two days ago. Suggested he contact city, ok to copy the association since this may involve multiple homes.

Meter box cover – Mark Perington reminded the board that we had wanted to cover the irrigation water meter with a cover so it was not exposed to the elements and was more pleasing to the view. Elizabeth will need to follow up with T&T, our irrigation contractor.