

# Countryside Homeowners Association Quarterly Meeting

**January 24, 2023 7:00pm      ZOOM virtual meeting**

**Call To Order:** President Doug Traub called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Roll Call:** Attending board members: Ed O’Leary, Sara VanVlack, Sheila Hoyer, Corey VanVlack, Mark Meissner, Nikki Gast, Dave Bertsch, Justin Thiry, Dave Simpson, Wendi Albers, Doug Traub, and Tom VanVlack. Board members not in attendance: Tim Crawford, Chad Tipton, and Jason Bransted. Homeowners present: Mary Dowse, Rick Owen, and Brian and Lisa Deitz.

**Previous Minutes/Agenda Modifications:** No corrections were requested for the October 11, 2022 minutes. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes. A second was made by Justin. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Sara reported that four homeowners still have not submitted HOA dues payment. Sara will send certified letters to the homeowners if dues are not received. Our expenses were \$12,103.24. Our balance is \$121,175.45. 1099 forms were sent to Ketel Thorstensen who will file by January 31<sup>st</sup>. We have a Menard’s rebate of \$318. Doug suggested we keep it in reserve for clean-up day. Justin made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**Updates**

1. **HOALeader.com:** Doug explained that nine board members had been randomly selected to receive a membership. Tim and Doug said that they had used their memberships. Doug reported that the big item was the three p’s: parking, pets, and people.
2. **Fireplace smoke:** A complaint was received about fireplace smoke of a neighbor. Doug got information from Michelle Tek (City Air Quality Specialist). The City Ordinance allows 20 minutes of visible smoke. There are web site links available providing information on smoke regulations. Nikki noted that the City has jurisdiction on regulating smoke, not the HOA. It was decided that Wendi will put the City’s Burning Brochure in the next newsletter.
3. **Slow Guy at the Park:** Doug reported that he places the Slow Guy at the park on nice days to remind drivers to reduce their speed.
4. **Windy Day Garbage:** Tom noted that our garbage man doesn’t care if garbage tips over – he will not pick it up. Doug suggested putting a rock on top of the garbage can or turning the can opening away from prevailing winds. Wendy noted that a resident on Tanager had attached a log to his garbage can lids. Mary Dowse suggested bagging your garbage.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Records Committee:** Nothing to report.
2. **Park and Grounds:** Nothing to report.

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<b>Vice</b>	Dave Simpson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sara VanVlack
<b>Secretary</b>	Sheila Hoyer
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3. **Architectural Committee:** Ed reported that one request was approved: removal and construction of the new playground fence.
4. **Playground Committee:** Tom said there was nothing new to report since the last meeting. As soon as the snow melts, they will fill the sandbox and apply seed to the bare areas.
5. **Countryside Cares:** Nothing new to report. June O'Leary is the contact person.

#### **Old Business:**

1. **Encroachment on Common Ground:** Doug reported that discussions had been held previously with two families regarding encroachment on HOA common ground. There had been a motion to obtain bids on a park survey. A consensus of Board members voted to put a hold on the survey. Tom reported he talked to Norm Dathe, who said encroachment issues had been discussed in the past. There are HOA sidewalks on private property. Tom said if you deal with one encroachment issue, you have to deal with them all. Dave noted there are encroachment issues on both sides: on HOA and on private property. There was a Board consensus to not worry about the encroachment issue.

**New Business:** Wendi asked what the protocol was for trimming trees on common areas. There are trees next to her property at 5384 Meadowbrook that need trimming. It was generally agreed that the City still has the program where funds are available for thinning and/or removing trees through the Fire Hazard Reduction Program. Nikki reported that she had previously spoken to the City fire guy, Eric O'Connor, who would be happy to come look at trees in our common areas. Tom suggested that this be put in the newsletter so that if there are other areas with trees needing trimming/removal, they could be addressed at the same time by one contractor. It was suggested that a current list of contractors who do this type of work be put in the newsletter.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

1. **Park Clean-Up Day and Rummage Sale:** It was noted that last year the Clean-Up day was May 14th and the Rummage Sale was May 21st. They are normally held in April. Ed noted we should be aware of graduation dates. Doug suggested May 6th for Clean-Up day and May 20th for the Rummage Sale. Tom made a motion to approve those dates, seconded by Wendi. All in favor. Motion carried.
2. **Park Improvement Committee:** Tom asked for guidance for the Park Improvement Committee. Doug suggested the committee meet and bring a formal proposal to the Board's next meeting. The majority of the Board was in favor of investing in new equipment over parking.

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made at 7:47pm by Sheila, seconded by Tom. All were in favor. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be April 11 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Hoyer