

## THE OAKS FALL 2018 HOA MEETING

The Fall 2018 meeting of the Oaks HOA was called to order at 6:33pm on Thursday, September 20, 2018 in the chapel at Ruth's House Memory Care Center. President Brian Karcher called the meeting to order. Minutes from the March 2018 meeting were reviewed and a correction was needed to the beginning balance on the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes once the correction was made to change the amount of the beginning balance from \$16,381.43 to \$30,481.88.

### **Mailbox Replacement Program:**

An incentive program for replacing mailboxes was introduced by the Board. If a homeowner replaces their mailbox with the required white metal mailbox and then shows a receipt for purchase along with before and after photos, a credit on the next years dues will be given in the amount of \$20 for the replacement and an additional \$5 for painting the post. The new items must meet HOA standards and the documentation should be emailed to [d.eveker@charter.net](mailto:d.eveker@charter.net). A explanation of this program will be included in a fall newsletter to all homeowners.

### **Future Projects:**

There was discussion on the Master List of Projects but the only approved project at this time is the sign at the West entrance which is being worked on. Suggestions were made for other possible projects such a lights around the green space. The newsletter will also include information about the wish list.

### **Items from the Floor:**

The homeowner at 4000 Sequoia spoke regarding the concrete drainage ditch behind the homes on her street. From the pictures she showed, repairs are needed to this ditch and it is the responsibility of the HOA to have this done.

**Elections:**

Elections were held for the offices of Vice-President, Secretary and Member at Large. Amy McGarr was re-elected Vice-President, Troy Ferguson was nominated and elected as Secretary to fill the spot of Paula Brockmeyer who resigned from the position at the end of the term. Paula Brockmeyer was nominated and elected to fill the position of Member at Large previously held by Mallory Birdsley who resigned at the end of her term.

**Treasurer's report:**

The current bank balance is \$24,814.44. All lot dues for 2018 have been paid and we anticipate to spend an additional \$18,339.81 before the end of the year assuming we complete the proposed landscape work. There is an expected operating surplus of \$ 550.00 and an expected end of year bank balance of \$ 6,474.63. There was discussion on the discretionary amount from the dues of each lot owner in regards to the fact that it is decreasing in amount each year as fixed expenses increase but no action was taken on changing the amount of the dues for 2019.

**Social Committee:**

Mallory Birdsley reported there was nothing planned at this time due to lack of interest from previous events. It was noted that there are funds available if anyone would like to plan an event.

**Landscape Committee:**

Amy McGarr reported that the Landscape Committee has been informed by the selected sign company that there is not enough space between the utilities in the easement to install a below ground sign. Today the City of Edwardsville gave their approval for a boulder type sign that is installed above ground. The actual design is still being worked out. Brian Karcher is contacting a company that specializes in this type of monument. Landscaping will be done after the monument goes in place.

**Architectural Control Committee:**

Residents are reminded to keep trash and recycle cans in the garage. It was also mentioned, that signs of any kind other than "For Sale" are not allowed in the yards per the C & R. Also, all exterior projects should be approved by the ACC before they are started.

**New Business:**

Fall Big Trash day for The Oaks will be November 11, 2018.

**Items from the Floor:**

A request was made by a homeowner regarding barking dogs and also dogs who are threatening to other homeowners who are walking their dogs on a leash.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held March 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Ruth's House Memory Care Center. Homeowners were invited to tour the facilities at Ruth's House if they wished at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Brockmeyer  
Secretary