

# The Oaks Homeowners Association

## Meeting Minutes – Fall 2024

September 19, 2024 @ 6:30

- Don Eveker called the meeting to order. Board members present: Don Eveker, John Gooden, and Eric Werner
- March 21, 2023, meeting minutes are read by Eric Werner. Ben Love motions to accept the minutes and Marilyn Marsho seconds the motion.
- Treasurer report - Don Eveker read the treasurer report.
  - Don discussed and proposed the motion to increase the late fee for dues from \$25 to \$50. The fee hasn't been increased since 2004. Steve Marsho accepted the motion, Jessica Shields seconded the motion, so the fee will be increased.
- Project updates:
  1. The replacement lighting at the front entrance was discussed. The project is now considered complete.
  2. Don Eveker confirmed that a \$30 Mailbox and/or \$5 paint credit will be deducted from upcoming the 2025 HOA dues. Must submit before and after pictures, with a copy of the receipt for the purchase of the mailbox. The mailbox must meet the HOA Mailbox standards. Emails should be sent to Don Eveker: [d.eveker@charter.net](mailto:d.eveker@charter.net)
  3. Don Proposed to increase the paint fee to \$7 from \$5. Ben Love makes the motion to accept, Sam Synder seconded.
- Social committee:
  - Halloween Trick or Treat is Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Halloween Parade is 31<sup>st</sup>
- Elections:
  - Don Eveker read the descriptions of the Vice President, Secretary and Member-at-Large Roles.
  - Vice President vote: Don Eveker nominated John Gooden. A vote was held John Gooden was elected unanimously.
  - Secretary vote: Sam Snyder nominated Jessica Shields; Ben Love seconded. A vote was held Jessica Shields was elected unanimously.
  - Member-at-Large vote: No one volunteered for the position. Steve Jaskowiak will need to nominate and fill the role.
- Landscape committee: No new projects or items were discussed.
- Architectural Control Committee (ACC):
  - Don Eveker proposed to increase the non-compliance fee by the HOA from \$25 to \$50 a day. The fee hasn't been increased since 2004. The fee has never been assessed to any member of the community. After much discussion, it was decided to leave the fee at \$25. There was some concern that since the fee can be assessed daily, the total amount could become quite large. Also, since it hasn't been used by the board, there was no need to raise the fee amount at this time.
  - HOA Covenants and Restrictions were provided at the HOA meeting.

- Everyone was reminded to keep all trash cans out of sight.
  - The question was brought up what out of sight means. Don Eveker stated according to the C&R trash and recycle cans are required to be stored in the garage. Concerns were brought up about who would be deciding what qualifies as out of sight and enforcement methods. The main concern by the board and ACC is when the cans are in direct view.
    - The proposal is to have the ACC approach the lot owner to resolve visible trash cans. John Gooden and the ACC will review and decide what action is needed for people in violation.
- Need to have all exterior projects approved by ACC.
  - Member of the committee:
    - Andrew McGarrahan - Chairman
    - Chrissy Simmons
    - Don Eveker
    - John Gooden - Liaison
  - The email for the ACC: [acc@theoaksedw.org](mailto:acc@theoaksedw.org)
- New business/Open Forum:
  1. Steve Marsho was concerned about the state of the rental houses. Contact has been made to the agent. Nothing more is known.
  2. Laraine Love and Jessica Shields have volunteered to be on the social committee. They will work with the current members Amy and Kristen for activities.
- Door prize: Karen Stovall wins \$75! Congratulations.
- Next Meeting: 3/20/2024 @ 6:30 PM, Edwardsville Library
- Adjournment: 7:31 PM
  - Karen Stovall made a motion to adjourn. Marylin Marsho accepted the motion.