

RCMCA Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2020 from 6:30–8:30
5627 Hogenhill Terrace

Call to Order 6:34

Those present: Rita, Yinon, Saied, Felicia, Bill

Approval of minutes from last board meeting 4-0

Homeowner statements

- Each community member will have two minutes to bring an issue to the board from the agenda or independent of the agenda. This will be timed. Another member may yield his\her time to another speaker.
- Upon board's vote - if the issue is an emergency - a board member will be assigned to investigate the issue and will give a progress report back to the board and the member within 48hrs
- If the issue is not an emergency - the issue will be referred to the next meeting agenda.

A homeowner asked that a letter be sent to the recycling company to request that on weekends when our recycling day is pushed back a day because of a holiday earlier in the week, the company adhere to Montgomery County noise ordinances of not collecting recycling until after 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The board agreed that a letter could be sent with that request. 4-0

Treasurer Report

- How much money is in the bank account - \$*****. Review a copy of the latest bank statement
- Discussion of changing banks. At this point changing banks won't be much of an improvement. Money in the checking account could be put in a money market to get better interest. It was suggested that about \$24,000 should be kept in checking and the rest could get better interest. Rita will look into it.

Other Board Items/actions to report?

Review of scope and schedule for landscaping including stump removal and hillside grass seeding, removal or debris from around the community (near the path to Baltimore Road, behind 5611 - 5601 row of houses), and removal of excess wood chips that people do not take.

The stumps and wisteria will be removed in March. Buy grass seed ourselves and have the landscapers plant it in March. Mowing, mulch and weeding will begin in April.

Tree Montgomery - Update/next steps. Contract was signed. We will wait to hear next steps from Tree Montgomery. Felicia will ask about the coupon program for smaller trees for residents.

Schedule work plan and projects for the remainder of the fiscal year including: scheduling the annual meeting and deciding on elections.

Too early to set exact date for annual meeting but in June.

Staggered elections for offices of the Board will be as follows for now: re-election for at Large in 2020, vice president 2020, president 2021, treasurer 2021, secretary 2021. Make sure proxy voting is valid and in place for elections.

Work plan suggestions: landscaping, watering landscaping, community garden, playground.

Work session to develop process for "approving" resident landscape projects/beautification projects on HOA property. Draft plan would include: a request with description, placement and type of plant requested, board approval.

Update on the dumpster schedule for removal. Homeowner says that work is being done in drips and drabs. Rita will call the dumpster company and ask what is going on with it. The Board will write the homeowner again to reiterate that the dumpster must be removed. Suggested timetable is 1 month. Calling the county to have it removed may need to be the course of action.

Proposal for stenciling from Felicia/Alex. One section of yellow curbing was painted. Board decided one coat is enough. More will be done as weather warms up. Project should be nearing completion by the Annual Board meeting in June.

New Business:

A homeowner was seen putting dog waste in another's recycling bin. Dog waste has been found again in areas around the neighborhood. Rita will get a sign to put up, we will mention something on the listserv again.

Is it possible to put a lien on a homeowner who does not comply with homeowners' association by-laws?

Adjournment 7:35 pm