

The Communities of Chastain
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 17, 2020

MINUTES

Present: Sid Karlin Jo Ann Bachman
 Melissa Adelman Ashish Parikh
 John Markendorf Jennifer Mortimer

Absent: Tim Wilson Steve Kremer

1. Due to Covid-19, our meeting was held virtually by Zoom.
2. Vice President Sid Karlin called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.
3. Jo Ann gave an update on the progress of obtaining free mulch from Top Tier for distribution on the bare ground at the Glen Lake. As of the meeting date, two truckloads have been delivered of the 9-10 loads estimated we will need. Jo Ann noted that TopTier advised of a website called ChipDrop where you can sign up for truckloads of mulch from participating companies. The website is very explanatory about not guaranteeing how clean any ChipDrop truckloads might be. Considering this, Sid moved, and John seconded that we follow up with Top Tier and wait another month to see if Top Tier would drop more of the additional loads we need. On another mulch issue, Sid volunteered to pick up some of the mulch from the parking lot and spread it around the dog potty container at the Commons.
4. Broken branches on the large pine tree next to the Glen pool. Because of the safety consideration should the broken branches fall on a portion of the pool area, the Board will forward photos of the branches that need to be removed to Jennifer to get bids on the cost of removal.
5. Adding height to the surround on the Glen playground. The rubber wall surrounding the playground is currently at mulch level. The border should be higher as a safety precaution, providing an obstacle to small children so they would have to step over before leaving the playground. Based on Tim's research on what product would be needed and the cost estimates he provided, the Board authorized Tim follow through and complete the project.
6. Safety sign to be inserted at the top of the lake near the playground as precautionary warning to parents. The Board voted to have Steve go ahead and buy an appropriate sign to attach to a post we already have, which can then be ready to insert when the bobcat begins work spreading mulch.
7. No word from Cobb County re: our attempt to obtain reimbursement for the cost of repairs to our water line at the entrance to the Glen. To get the sprinklers working again to water our flowers, the Communities paid for the \$1,300 repairs, although it was determined the County was responsible for the cut in the line. Jennifer will follow up again.
8. The fans at the Pavilion are not working. It was decided to hold off on repairs and additional expense right now.

9. We have received a request from a resident living next to the retention pond in the Enclave asking that we cut down a tree in the retention pond that was leaning towards her home. Since we have previously had to remove a tree that had fallen on the same home with a previous owner, John and Jo Ann will reconnoiter at the retention pond to take photos and recommend a saw so that Jennifer can get bids.
10. Information for residents who wish to run for election to the Board will be posted on Facebook and mailed out to all residents with a nomination form. Nominations are due back to Jennifer Mortimer on September 22nd.
11. The pools will be closed after Sunday, October 4th.
12. There was discussion re: allowing Board members responsible for various committees (such as the pool) to make purchases, up to a limited amount (say \$500) rather than all small expenses requiring full Board approval. Deciding we needed to identify the various committees and work out further details, the discussion was tabled for future discussion.
13. Ashish asked that we order additional mulch for the Enclave playground. As follow up, Jennifer will get a bid from McCollum on our fall mulch requirements (usually put down after the leaves fall) and based on his suggested amounts, will get additional bids, including bids for the special playground mulch.
14. The remaining items on the agenda were tabled for a future meeting.
15. Jo Ann moved we adjourn; Melissa seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next meeting is our Annual Meeting - October 24, 2020