

## Grounds and Facilities Committee Meeting Notes for Monday, June 24, 2013

Attendees: Tom Oleksa, Pam Ellinger, Pat O'Loughlin, Rory Gaydos and Walter Zeier

Absent: Lonnie McLaughlin, Gayle Scrase, Gary Longstreth, Louis Burns and Fred Faber

Call to Order: Tom Oleksa at 5:30

- I. Lacking a quorum, no official meeting could be conducted. Therefore, minutes were not approved and committee reports were not provided. The committee members discussed resident comments.
- II. Committee Member Assignments for 2013-2014
  - A. Landscaping – Gary Longstreth, Pat O'Loughlin, Pam Ellinger
  - B. Facilities – Gayle Scrase, Louis Burns, Fred Faber
  - C. Communications – Tom Oleksa, Rory Gaydos
- III. Old Business
  - A. Landscaping:
    1. Refer to minutes from 2/26/13 and 4/23/16/meetings for additional pending issues and solutions.
  - B. Facilities:
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  - C. Communications:
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- IV. Reports – Walter Zeier

Glick Road pool is not leaking. The repairs were successful. Refer to 2/26/13 and 4/23/13 committee minutes for additional comments.
- V. New Business
  - A. None
- VI. Resident Comments
  - A. Concerns were expressed about the website. It needs to be updated and we are in the process of getting this update performed. We want to use the website as our primary means of communicating with residents. There are 2,383 homes in Muirfield Village. Currently we have approximately 85% of the e-mail addresses. Residents should inform the Association when they change e-mail addresses so that our data base remains current.
  - B. Residents are concerned about the progress dead tree removal. The lift which is utilized for large tree removal is currently being repaired. 150 trees in the common areas have been identified for priority removal. Expect them to be down by the end of the year. We have a 5 year plan to cut down and replace trees. Trees will be replanted in areas with the greatest visual impact. 100-120 trees will be planted.
  - C. We received an e-mail and a telephone call from a long-time resident, Sue Harnden, regarding our swimming pools. She originally sent a letter dated April 1, 2013 to the Board of Directors expressing her concerns about both of the pools. She was quite upset that as of June 23, the Board had not responded to her letter.

It should be noted that during April and May, the Board was receiving numerous calls, letters and e-mails regarding the installation of a permanent fence around The Muirfield Village Golf Club. In addition, they were planning and participating in public meetings to discuss the topic. Unfortunately, Sue's letter did not receive a timely response.

The focus of her letter was the shortened pool hours and the lack of communication about the hours. In addition to asking for extended pool hours, her telephone call and e-mail also discussed pool area cleanliness, poor pool employee attitudes, the lack of a second lap lane and her inability to swim laps safely when children were in the pool.

Sue swims regularly at the Holbrook pool. Until recently, the guards ignored her plea for another lap lane. Finally, one of the guards put up another lap lane rope. We have had an additional lap lane rope for several years, the guards need to be more attentive to installing it as the need arises.

She said that she does not feel safe to swim laps because the lap lane is not respected by children at the pool. She said that when the guards call for a rest period, the children get out but jump right back into the water when the guards leave the area. Per the Federal Housing Act, Homeowner's Associations cannot discriminate by opening the pool to adult only swimming. We cannot ask people under 18 to get out of the pool while those over 18 continue to swim; this is discrimination.

Cleanliness of the pool and the surrounding area was another topic. She said that trash cans are too near lounge areas. The trash cans attract insects and are smelly. She also felt that the general pool area was not kept clean; candy wrappers, cups, mulch, etc. strewn around. Members of our committee who use the pools regularly agreed with this comment. They said that our residents are messy and lack respect for the pool area. Pool employees need to be encouraged to maintain the pool area properly. She would like to see some additional greenery to soften the hardscape of the pool.

Her main concern was with the shortening of the pool hours. Since The Murfins train at the Glick Road pool and the Learn to Swim program is held at the Holbrook pool, the time that other residents can use the pool has been restricted with the shortening of the hours. Sue said we pay the association fees; the pools should be available. Members of our committee agreed with this comment. Pool hours should be extended.

Walter mentioned the hourly rate for life guards is increasing because of competition from area pools. Muirfield must meet or exceed what is being paid by others to attract and retain quality life guards.

She said even the shortened hours are not posted for everyone to easily see. Sometimes people are lined up waiting to get into the pools because they are unsure of the hours. She suggested that they be posted on the bulletin boards outside of the pool. We agree with her suggestion.

## VII. Adjournment

Future Meeting Dates – 8/26/13 and 10/28/13