

# Committee Meeting 2020

The HOA members conducted the annual HOA meeting this year on September 8th @ 7:00 PM. It was held @ the Settlers Ridge Common area.

## **Board Members Present:**

1. Mike Tuteru, President
2. Tony Pauly, Treasurer
3. Paul Leavy, Secretary
4. Jill Kitsko
5. Dee Dee Adams
6. Vince Lazor
7. Chet Ostrowski

## **Homeowners in Attendance:**

1. Pat Boccardi
2. Steven Pesch
3. Mark Rath
4. Brian Widlocher
5. Chris Trombetta
6. Dominic Bertucci
7. Steve and Vanessa McClean
8. Steve Sadoski
9. Mike and Sandy Gartland
10. John LaDolce
11. Jim Hall

12. Amanda Bevenger
13. Tong-Chang Lee
14. Abdur Malik
15. Debbie O'Connor
16. Toni Shorthouse

**Proxy Votes Received : 29**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Mike Tuter, President at 7:06PM

**AGENDA OVERVIEW:** Mike Tuter, President, Offered a general review of the Meeting Agenda for the evening.

**BUDGET REVIEW AND PROPOSAL:** Tony Pauly, Treasurer: Copies of current and proposed SRHA Financial Statement were provided for all attendees. Tony gave a comprehensive review of the actual 2019-2020 final budget, explaining all expenditures for the fiscal year. Ending balance was \$1263.36. The 2020-2021 budget proposal was reviewed by line item, including all expenditures to date. Target account balance throughout the current fiscal year is \$2618.36. Dues were set at \$75.00 per household. Motion for approval of the 2020-2021 SRHA Budget was made by Paul Leavy and seconded by Chet Ostrowski. The motion carried with unanimous approval.

**COVENANTS AND BY-LAWS:** Mike Tuter, President, discussed the recent review of the SRHA Covenants and By-Laws by the SRHA Board Members. The SRHA Board explored the current documents to assure their legal validity and the possible need for any changes. Specific items requiring additional clarity were addressed by an attorney who was gracious enough to offer his services pro bono. The SRHA Covenants and By-Laws are valid and renew every ten years unless specific action is

taken to amend them. No changes were deemed necessary moving forward.

### **FISCAL PRIORITIES AND GENERAL REQUESTS:**

- Chet Ostrowski had requested that Zaspel Landscaping be contacted to plant grass seed on both sides of the lower island. It was also requested that Zaspel use push mowers to cut the grass instead of riding mowers to help keep the grass intact. Tony Pauly offered to contact Zaspel Landscaping.
- Several residents proposed the idea of installing a walking track in the Common Area. A motion to secure estimates for a walking track was made by Jill Kitsko and seconded by Pat Boccardi.
- The idea of erecting a pavilion on the Common Area grounds was discussed. A motion was made by Brian Widlocher, seconded by Steve McLean, to explore construction costs for a pavilion for SRHA residents.
- Abdur Malik requested that the pine trees on the lower entrance nearest to his driveway be pruned to make the entrance look better. A volunteer crew will take care of the issue.

**POLLINATOR GARDEN:** Mike Tuteru, President commented on the current status of the Pollinator Garden.

- Dee Dee Adams helped raised in excess of \$400 towards the Pollinator Garden.
- Several volunteers helped weed and maintain the garden.
- The SRHA Pollinator Garden was certified by Penn State University and will have a sign commemorating the certification.
- It is hoped that the garden can be an educational tool for neighborhood children.

**BLOCK PARTY:** Given the current COVID restrictions, no immediate plans for a Block Party have been made. The recent success of the various Food Trucks that have been visiting the Settlers Ridge Plan have been viewed as a temporary replacement for the Block Party. It was suggested that signage be placed in the plan to remind residents of current events such as the food trucks.

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

- Mike Tuteria thanked Brian Widlocher for his continued support and maintenance of the SRHA website.
- It was suggested by Abdur Malik that residents be blind copied on all emails for security reasons.
- Jill Kitsko requested that the website be deleted of old items and posts before an updated version is relaunched to the residents. Brian Widlocher agreed to assist in this process.
- Abdur Malik discussed a new app called “Next Door” which can be utilized to help residents communicate easily with a designated community. It was agreed to explore this new application to see if it would be useful to SRHA.

### **GENERAL QUESTIONS / COMMENTS:**

- Discussion of a Spring SRHA Garage Sale managed by Dee Dee Adams. Date will be determined. The inclusion of food trucks for this event was also discussed.
- Chet Ostrowski mentioned the Boy Scouts might be a good resource to help maintain the Pollinator Garden.
- Questions regarding Halloween / Trick-or-Treating in the SRHA Plan. No decision has been made by the Municipality has been announced regarding Halloween festivities.

- The McLean Family is hosting a Buddy Walk on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00am in the Common Area. This walk is being held in conjunction with the Down Syndrome Association of Pittsburgh and is being held in various neighborhoods throughout Pittsburgh. The main event at Heinz Field was cancelled due to COVID restrictions. This SRHA walk is in honor of the Mclean's daughter, Blake. Residents are encouraged to participate and join in the fun.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion for adjournment was made by Paul Leavy and seconded by Chet Ostrowski. Motion carried by all in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.