

Minutes of Steeplechase Homeowners Association Board Meeting
September 16, 2018, 7 p.m. to 8:47 p.m.

- All Board members were present except Dennis Byrne who was out of the country.
- All Members Approved Minutes of July 22, 2018.
- Next 2 Board Meetings Scheduled: Sunday, October 28, and December 16, 7 p.m.

All

- Bylaws and Dues
 - Discussion came up regarding returning annual dues to \$50, which is reflected in the Bylaws, or changing the Bylaws as originally written over 20 years ago to reflect the current \$100 dues which were raised by the previous Board in 2016.
 - The question of how to run the SHOA without clear knowledge weighs on the current Board, however, the Board voted to keep the dues at \$100, because the previous Board raised them and the current 2019 budget (see attached budget) supports the need for more than \$50. Vote 4 yes, 2 no to keep dues at \$100. The 2 Board members voted no because the dues do not match the Bylaws.
- Is a neighborhood meeting, possibly in January, needed in addition to the mandatory May meeting to get feedback from neighbors and to provide a means of more communication? Board members voted: 4 No, 2 Yes

Mike

- Gave detailed review of budget and 2019 spending projections (attached).
- Budget does not include \$400 payment to Mulberry Gardens which had been discussed because Mulberry has not billed the SHOA, and SHOA may never get billed.
- The Board discussed having the devil strip trees cut down because many are diseased.
 - Chuck counted 38 trees that needed removed because of disease or alignment, however having all the trees removed was also proposed to keep the uniform look of the allotment.
 - The Board might be able to arrange for one provider to offer a discount to SHOA members.
 - Chuck will provide an article for the newsletter about the trees.
- Will send out dues invoice to SHOA neighbors in early January 2019 with due date of March 1, 2019.

Karen

- Ladies Tea: The Committee, Melissa Baldrige, Kelly Kanoza, and Samira Strata, have decided the event date is Saturday, December 8, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Melissa's home on Steeplechase Lane.
- E-Newsletter: Goal is to have it ready to publish on the Steeplechase Web site www.thesteeplechasehoa.com by October 15. Topics to be included:
 - Biography/photos of the Colby Davis and Lia Pfiffner family and the Terry Endress family. Will include two other families invited if they provide their biography as requested. Note: all families are encouraged to submit a biography and photo.

- Devil strip trees, use link below to read the letter from Mr. Thomas Kostoff, Munroe Falls Law Director (hold control key and click on link):
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=328580d8a7&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1608687005616597467&th=1653344ef49069db&view=att&disp=inline&realattid=21631066e178d92a_0.1
- Christmas Eve Luminaries (reminder to save milk jugs)
- Annual SHOA Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 p.m., Lehner Center (Chuck to reserve date at Lehner Ctr)
- Trick or Treat: 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, October 31
- Request for update of contact information for all SHOA neighbors: email, cell phone for each family member, home phone. Send to: steeplechase@mail.com
- Coyotes have been sighted in the neighborhood.
- Not discussed: Will add a paragraph if submitted by Jason Kanoza on starting a Steeplechase Men's Golf League. Jason will coordinate and is the contact person. Let Karen know if any problems with publishing this request./KR

Chuck

- Chuck will reserve the Lehner Center for the Annual SHOA Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 7 p.m.
- Chuck will provide an article about the devil strip trees for the E-Newsletter October edition.

Terry

- Luminaries
 - Will order 1,400 candles for the Christmas luminaries
 - The Board agreed to keep the luminary display on Christmas Eve
 - Candles will be given to each household
 - 16 luminaries will be placed on each of the 2 Mulberry islands
 - Instructions on how to prepare the Christmas Eve luminaries will be included when the candles are distributed.
- Contact MaryAnn Ervin at Mulberry to make her aware of our plans:
 - Decorate the island with luminaries on Christmas Eve.
 - Put lighted wreaths on both Steeplechase walls.
 - Put a lighted Happy Holidays sign near the Steeplechase wall.
 - Cut the limbs on the tree on the right side of the wall.
- Will find 5 people to serve on the Nominating Committee.
- Will find official date that Santa visits Steeplechase on the Munroe Falls fire truck.
- Send email to all SHOA members to hold the date for the Ladies Tea: December 8, 11:30am – 2pm, details to follow.

Neil

- Will check on 2 large wreaths, lighted Happy Holidays sign, and timers. (\$500 budget)
- Will post July 22, 2018 Board meeting minutes on SHOA Web site.

Sum of Total Category	Year					2018 Projected	2019 Proposed Budget	
	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD	2018			
Annual Meeting costs	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 54	\$ 90	\$ 90	\$ 90	100	2018 plus 3.5% inflation
Bank Service Charges	\$ 714	\$ 697	\$ 20	\$ 26	\$ 26	\$ 26	24	4 year average
Christmas /Luminary Expenses	\$ 19	\$ 68	\$ 736	\$	\$	\$ 750	750	4 year average
Garage Sale Expense	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,068	\$ 1,329	\$ 765	\$	\$	50	4 year average
Insurance	\$ 596	\$ 4,058	\$ 12,900	\$ 337	\$ 1,329	\$	1,376	2018 plus 3.5% inflation
Landscaping	\$ 9,813	\$ 820	\$ 25	\$ 232	\$ 232	\$	250	Placeholder
Legal Fees	\$ 403	\$ 107	\$ 172	\$ 85	\$ 85	\$	500	Placeholder for legal consultation
Miscellaneous	\$ 38	\$ 209	\$ 74	\$ 72	\$	\$	500	Ladies Tea & Wreaths
Mowing	\$ 291	\$ 94	\$ 349	\$ 182	\$ 182	\$	700	7 Months 4 times a month
New Neighbor/Bereavement	\$ 103	\$ 33	\$ 69	\$ 68	\$ 68	\$	100	4 year average
Office Supplies	\$ 70	\$ 273	\$ 242	\$ 99	\$ 99	\$	161	4 year average
Postage and Delivery	\$	\$ 97	\$ 113	\$ 1,766	\$ 1,766	\$	182	4 year average
Taxes - Property	\$ 23	\$	\$ 240	\$	\$	\$	68	4 year average
Website	\$ 250	\$	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$	\$	100	run rate
Block Party	\$ 64	\$ 108	\$ 144	\$ 36	\$ 100	\$	1,828	2018 plus 3.5% inflation
Repairs	\$ 121	\$	\$ 189	\$ 898	\$ 898	\$	66	4 year average
Tax Preparation	\$ 13,597	\$ 7,656	\$ 17,146	\$ 5,323	\$ 7,945	\$	225	run rate
Quickbooks							-	No longer needed
Storm Water and Sewer Fees							100	run rate
Printing							925	2018 plus 3.5% inflation
Grand Total							8,004	