

8-11-2020

The monthly MGHA meeting was held Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM. Virtually present were President Mike Weisgram, Vice President Marlin Roeland, Treasurer Jennifer Anderson and Board Members Gary Johnson, Reg Nelson, and Matt Mitchell. Secretary Todd Bowman was absent due to a scheduling conflict.

Board members acknowledged that they had read the minutes of the last monthly meeting held July 14th and the special board meeting held July 29th. Two minor corrections were noted: Payable to Marso Lawn Service should be \$883.95 instead of \$833.95 and payable to Tim Hughes's Central Caissons Inc. should be \$29557.17 instead of \$29,559.05 as listed in the minutes. Moved by Matt and seconded by Reg to accept the amended minutes. Motion carried

Financials were presented by Jennifer with supporting documents, receipts, billings, and statements. Reconciled balance of our checking account as of 7-31-2020 is \$21,841.10. Accounts payable for August are as follows: A-G-E Marine Services \$1325.93, East Pierre Landscaping \$781.69, Carol Axtman \$11.82, Marso Lawn Service \$947.85, and Matt Mitchell \$71.73. Motion by Gary, seconded by Reg to pay the bills and approve the Treasurers report. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Canal - No report

Architectural – Sonnenschein has no formal landscaping plan but has plans just to plant grass with appropriate water irrigation system.

Website – Notice of Annual Meeting (September 8, 2020 – 7:00 PM - Casey Tibbs Center) has been posted.

Social – No activity due to Covid19 Virus

Parks – Reg and Matt to meet soon on possible concrete pad and gazebo (planning) for railway park. Matt reports less watering is needed at railway park and has set sprinklers, as necessary.

Old Business:

1. Silt trap landscaping is near completion. Carol and Seb Axtman have done a wonderful job volunteering and overseeing this project.
2. Results of the special meeting to converse about VRBO homes in our development were discussed. Tom P. Maher (our consulting attorney) and

Rick Hahn (City of Fort Pierre City Engineer) conversed by email at length about what constituted a commercial venture such as a "Transient Lodging Facility" and the location of such an enterprise located in a housing development zoned for single family dwellings. It now looks likely that Mr. Hahn will be writing and mailing a letter to the property owner (who is offering their home as a VRBO to the public) citing an ordinance violation and notifying them to bring the property into compliance. The Board is satisfied to have the City Engineer and City Attorney address this issue with the property / association member and no contact by the Board will be made at this time. More discussion will likely occur as this issue matures.

3. Special mailings need to go out next week informing association members of the Annual meeting time and place. Included in this mailing will be a copy of the "Canal Use, Boating Rules, and Regulations" that are included in our Protective and Restrictive Covenants of MGHA. These rules were adopted August 9, 2005 and need to be reintroduced to our residents to remind them of the intent and importance of these rules. Also included is a letter from President Weisgram that was written this month as a reminder to keep safety first as we, our families, and our guests use the canal waters for recreation. The letter suggests some safety equipment that each canal side property owner could readily have to have in case of an emergency.
4. Jennifer will reach out to James Walti to visit about her Board retirement and the treasurer duties he is expected to assume after the annual meeting.

New Business:

Most notable was discussion for the need of property owners living on the Port Weyms cul de sac to receive a mailing reminding them of the off-street parking restriction of our covenants. Several of these property owners are new to the development and have more people in the household (who own cars) than the owners that used to live there. Definite congestion in this area of Marion's Garden. Two existing owners operate businesses as well and some of their business equipment finds its way to the street as well. Jennifer and Mike will write a letter that includes the covenant (item #7) that addresses this off-street parking issue.

Next Meeting is the Annual Meeting scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Casey Tibbs Center. Social distancing will be accommodated.