

Marion's Garden HOA Meeting Minutes

The monthly MGHOA meeting was held Tuesday, June 13th at the AGE Conference room at 6:04 pm. Present were President Matt Mitchell, Vice President Marlin Roseland, Treasurer James Walti, Secretary Todd Bowman, and Board Members Gary Johnson, Brad Bonhorst, and Zach Clark.

Guest Darrel Reinke joined the meeting to discuss dredging out the mouth of the canal. Mr. Reinke indicated that prior to the flood of 2011, the mouth was 12 foot deep in the center, and now after the flood, it's only about four feet depending on the release level at Oahe Dam. It is apparent the contractor that removed the debris after the flood did a poor job and the work was not inspected timely. Discussion was held if the City of Fort Pierre would have responsibility as they hired the contractor. It was felt due to the length of time that has passed, nothing could be done with the City at this time.

Mr. Reinke indicated the fishing has not been as good in the mouth and canal due to the shallowness of the water. The GF&P was contacted by a Board member, and they indicated the worse fishing conditions in the canal may be more likely due to the lack of weeds due to spraying rather than the shallowness of the water. The Board has received bids to remove approximately five feet of sand/rock in the mouth over a certain area totaling approximately \$90,000.

Discussion ensued regarding if any resident had any damage to their boats going in/out of the mouth due to the shallow water, and whether access to the canal in a mostly weed free area was our primary objective. The Board was not aware of anyone not being able to access the canal due to the shallow water or any lower unit/prop damage. Board members will attempt to survey the area with sonar and determine if we can target the center area and have some cost savings by reducing the amount of rubble removed. The Board thanked Mr. Reinke for his time, and the Board assured Mr. Reinke the issue will continue to be looked at. Mr. Reinke exited.

Board members read the May minutes. Johnson motioned to approve the minutes; Clark seconded. Motion carried.

Financials / Bills: Walti presented the financials. Cash in the general fund was \$100,346 and dues receivable at approximately \$5,000. Walti will send a notice to residents yet to pay the dues. Canal and dredge funds stand at \$53,990 each. It was suggested that we donate funds to the Senior Center for use of the facility for the annual meeting. Bonhorst moved that we donate \$200, Roseland seconded. Motion carried.

In addition to the donation, bills submitted included Hanson mowing/spraying of parks \$1075.65, Sioux Nation grass seed \$135.60 and \$27.12, and Sioux Nation/Cody Hostler chemicals/labor to spray the canal \$3,656.31. Clark motioned to approve the financials and pay bills; Bonhorst seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business: None.

Committee Reports:

Canal: The Canal Committee walked the canal recently with Tim and Colt Hughes. It is apparent 26-30 anchors are needed, and Knutson's property is in dire need of work. Anderson and Shriner also have an issue that needs addressed soon. We received a bid from Tim Hughes for \$41,150 for nail anchors, welding, and other items. Discussion ensued that the Board had already approved to go the direction that Jerry Cloud had presented in his comprehensive report regarding different helical anchors; however, we have never been given a plan of action or estimate. Johnson indicated he would contact Jerry Cloud to get his contacts involved, and we need estimates no later than July 1st. Hughes will also be contacted if he would convert his equipment and bid using the new materials. Since Knutson's work needs done soon, we may have to declare an emergency and authorize fixing using the nail anchors. Tabled until additional bids are received by July 1st.

Architectural: No update.

Parks: New grass at Railway Park looks good. It was noted that there are some sink holes at Tower Park that will need addressed. A picnic table is needed at Railway Park, and Roseland offered to split the cost of table estimated at \$6-700. Motion made by Roseland to purchase a picnic table, Johnson seconded. Motion carried. Thanks to Roseland for his generosity.

Social: No Update.

Website: No Update.

New Business

It was noted that there is a washout with sediment flowing into the canal at the border of Knutson and Hanson properties. Walti indicated he would prepare a letter to the two owners that this problem needs remedied to prevent sediment from entering the canal. If they don't do the repairs, the Board will determine the repairs necessary and bill the homeowners appropriately as it's not the HOA's responsibility to pay for repairs on residents' property.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 11th. Bonhorst moved to adjourn meeting; Clark seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:53pm.

Submitted by Todd Bowman MGHOA Secretary

