

Snee Farm Community Foundation

# Monthly Meeting: April 18, 2023

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**April 18, 2023 / 6:00 PM / Virtual**

Call to order: 6:00pm ET

Motion to approve notes from previous meeting, approved.

## NOTES

ACC: Bryan Carter

- Very busy, adding trees, landscaping...general reminder any exterior changes to your homes require a permit. Better safe than sorry. Any changing of annual bushes is not something we are concerned about. Changes to roofing, paint color, shutters, siding, driveways. Any sort of exterior change to your home does require board approval but don't let that scare you. We have a nice team and they are very approachable and the process is usually pretty easy and pretty quick. Bear in mind that if you can get that permit request sooner than later, it typically takes 24-72 hours to respond or get that permit to you.
- As the summer months come up I travel a lot because my wife is a school teacher and it's the only time of year where we both get some time off so please allow for a little more time. We also have other committee chairs there to assist you.

LANDSCAPE: David Lane

- Mulch is going down but not quite finished; spring annuals are in and the azaleas have been cut back by popular demand
- Message boards are complete.
  - Adrian: I want to commend you for the exceptional work on the message boards and lighting. There was some directional light put in after the completion and it looks great.
    - David: It was a lot of work with many people over a long time but happy to have a bow on it. There might be some tweaks over time.

RESTRICTIONS: Jenny Hilton

- Reminders as we are well into the spring season. We have had some issues with a lot of debris being put out early. It's one thing for landscapers to come in over the weekend and put out a large pile that is then picked up on Tuesday but it is being put out much earlier and sits out for 6-7 days. We typically have one or two weeks in the spring to allow for you to put out debris early as you are going through your season clean up.

- It's approaching boating season and you can have your boat in your driveway for maintenance/cleaning for up to two weeks. But boat storage is required to be off site at a storage or placed behind a fence out of sight and view from the street.
- Adrian: I just want to reiterate something Jenny said, on our website you can access our bylaws and ADAR. Our ADAR allows us a set of rights to cite, warn and fine homeowners for violations. Our violations are capped and there is a policy that we approved a couple years ago, to escalate a process for fines. By our ADAR we can fine no more than \$20 a day for a violation so that is \$140 a week. The policy which we had our legal counsel review with us, allows a certain escalation period that occurs between the first time of the violation, the second time of the violation and ultimately the fine process. So this board is limited despite some of our resident's frustration with their neighbors. This board cannot turn someone's lights off and we are further limited by the legal nature of our ADAR and how we are able to fine, restrict and enforce the rules and covenants of our neighborhood. That in some cases hand strings our ability to address some of the more egregious neighbors in our community. At the end of the day if someone wants to park their boat in their driveway and they want to pay up to \$140 a week to do it, it may be cheaper to do it than have it in a dry stack situation. If they want to put 48 bags of debris on the street and receive a fine for said violation or choose to pay the \$20 violation after three warnings, it's probably cheaper than having their landscapers come back to move it. So I say that in general to say we're aware of the egregious level of violations that occurs in some parts of our community and we're limited by the nature of our bylaws. I would invite anyone, I have our lawyer friend Karen here on the meeting to help. I would invite everyone to read the ADAR to familiarize yourself with our limitations and our ability to have a hard hammer for our community.

VICE PRESIDENT: Katie Brennan

- We are heading towards graduation season and as the ADAR states there are no signs allowed in your yard. It's a long standing ADAR and there was one year where there was an exception made, and that was a one time exception. There has been a decent amount of compliance requests from the neighborhood that we remain in compliance with the ADAR. We think it's important to recognize the hard work of our neighbors. What we have done in past years and what we are going to do this year is put a graduation banner out in front and we can also put one on Whipple Road to cover two areas. The next email we send will put a solicitation request for those graduating from schools or has a significant accomplishment, you can request your child's name be placed on the banner. We'll keep it up the entire month of school. Signs do not belong in your yard even if the schools are selling them.

TREASURER: Mario Rasgo

- For our reserve account, we are going to take our reserve money and invest it in two different options. One is going to be a money market which we are going to do for \$250,000 and the other one is going to be a 12 month CD for \$250,000. The CD is going to be with Beacon Bank at a rate of 3.5% and the money market is going to be at 4.0%

with First Alliance Bank. The reason we capped it at \$250,000 is because that is the limit for the FDIC insurance. The CD will probably bring in about \$10,000 for the year in interest that we'll gain from that.

- We were looking at some bigger banks but decided to invest in community banks. The reason we chose to invest in the community banks is because they bring back to the community. They go ahead and lend out to the local businesses and they also invest in and support local events and charities. So by doing that it helps grow the community. We also looked at the big bank rates and at the time they were also roughly the same. So we decided let's go ahead and invest it and don't feel worried about the security of this because we are under the FDIC.
- Allyson and I met with management companies of the lakes who treat them and make sure they stay healthy. Typically they take off October, November, December, January, February and start up in March. This year because of the weather they started a little earlier. Recently they treated the dollar weed and alligator weed just from the shoreline. He'll have to come back out and go out in the boat and treat it further. So you should see some of that dying off. They do this several times a year depending on how quickly it grows. He also put in anti-algae treatments in the lake. We used to have carp that would eat the algae but now with these treatments you don't need the carp. However it's always a good idea to have them in there. Things such as grass clippings will be eaten by the carp. Treatments extend the healthiness of the lakes and they won't fill in as much. The treatment company will provide two week updates when they come.
- We had a study done two years ago and found that we did not need to do any dredging and the pond depth is sufficient.

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY: Allyson Malik

- We have received a few bids for security cameras for the front and rear entrance. They will be installed in the next couple months once decided upon.
- Still looking at companies to drive through at night.
- Allyson spoke to the police department and they can drive through in the evenings. Someone just needs to call the dispatcher around 10:30pm when the shift starts and they will send someone out.
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#### PRESIDENT: Adrian Cain

Introduced 2 vendors that presented on nighttime enforcement of on street parking.

#### Signal Security

- They have experience supporting HOAs, apartments, shopping centers, stores, etc. Have experience with parking enforcement.
- What do you do around evening parking and what is your set of recommendations?
  - They have their own citation books, not monetary fines, but visual citations left on the vehicle. Reporting will be sent to the HOA. If it becomes a continued set of violations we can look to having the vehicle towed.

- How do you identify the owner of the vehicle? Only have the license plate information.
- What about parking in the yard? That is part of our ADAR and it is restricted and it will be cited. Trailer hitches and trailers hanging out are also a violation and dangerous.
- Citation escalates with a paper and then a very sticky form placed on a window and then towing.
- Frequency of visits?
  - Depends on how much effort the neighborhood requests. Can be several times a night and several days a week.
- Is there a phone number to call?
  - Yes, there is a dispatch 24 hours a day and they can respond quickly.

Motion to move to executive session, motion approved. Adjourned 7:00pm