

Ashwood Homeowner's Association

Minutes from Board Meeting

April 19th, 2012

ROLL CALL

The meeting, held in the Royal Bluff Cul-de-sac, was called to order by Cora Bauer, President, at 6:30 PM.

Directors present were Cora Bauer, Robin Moore, Carol Woolsey, Patrick Norton, Brent Henderson, and Laura Braden. Absent were Michelle Pickard and Brett Norton. Michelle Pickard gave her proxy vote to Brent Henderson. Brett Norton gave his proxy vote to Cathie Herman.

Guests, Cathie Herman (Architectural Control Chair), Josh Elzy (Architectural Committee Member), Christopher Palazzola (Neighborhood Watch Chair), Christina Whitehead (Neighborhood Watch Committee Member), Beverly Mau, and Amanda Castle were present.

NEW BUSINESS

The board members voted to elect a new secretary at the next HOA meeting in July because a quorum of 13 households is needed to elect a new board member. Thank you to Carol Woolsey for her many years of service in this position. Patrick Norton will be taking the Ashwood Homeowner's Association safe to his home until a new secretary is elected. Amanda Castle volunteered to take over the responsibilities of the neighborhood sign board.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the January 2012 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was approved through April 19th, 2012.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 4/19/12, the Ashwood Homeowner's Association account had a balance of \$8,868.00. An income of \$218 was received from the insurance claim for the damaged fence. A credit of \$393.61 was received from the DeKalb County Water Department for the irrigation leak at the entrance to the neighborhood. The Ashwood HOA account is now at Fidelity Bank secondary to the closure of Decatur First. 2012 HOA dues have been collected from 53 households at this time; one household payment is still pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Control Committee:

Cathie Herman reported that one home in the neighborhood had a new roof placed in March 2012 without approval from the committee; those homeowners are in the process of now going through the appropriate approval process. As a reminder to homeowners, any change to the front exterior of your home that can be seen from the street needs to be approved by this committee. There is an Emergency Approval Process in place if such a situation arises such as a sudden roof leak, etc. If homeowners are replacing an exterior element with the exact same color/type of material, then no approval is needed.

The Yard of the Month Award will be given this summer during the months of May, June, July, and August. Josh Elzy is painting a new sign for the award for a fee of \$30. Cathie Herman donated the cutting and primer paint for the plywood to fit into the frame and prepared the sign for painting.

Community Enrichment:

Cora Bauer reported that more welcome baskets need to be purchased to give to new residents of the neighborhood. She has purchased them from Costco in the past and believes that is a good place to continue buying them.

The annual Ashwood Homeowner's Association Barbeque will be tentatively planned for Saturday, July 21st at 7PM in the Royal Bluff Cul-de-sac. Cathie Herman will contact Southern Comfort to determine their availability for catering the event. DeKalb Police/Jeanine Hightower will be invited to this event. An electronic Evite will be used to invite all neighbors to this event and the date/time will be posted on the sign board.

Neighborhood Watch:

Christopher Palazzola reported on the Katie Kerr Area Burglary Meeting that was held at the Columbia Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 10th. Chris sent an email with minutes from this meeting to all Ashwood HOA residents on Wednesday, April 11th with information including a police update on recent burglaries in the area, how neighbors can get involved, and ways to protect your home. Chris received information from Janine Hightower on the DeKalb County Citizen's Police Academy. He will be sending this information out to all Ashwood HOA residents in an email the week of April 23rd, 2012.

Christina Whitehead will be joining this committee.

Property Maintenance:

This committee will now be co-chaired by Brent Henderson and Michelle Pickard. Thank you to Carol Woolsey for her years of service in this position. They will be responsible for the sprinkler system, landscaping, including the lights at the entrance to the neighborhood, and the fence. The new fence placed by Caney Creek Home Improvement LLC will be sealed with a clear seal in July at a cost of \$1,000 and should be resealed approximately every 3 years thereafter.

Cathie Herman voiced two concerns regarding the new fence; 1) The bottom of the new fence touches the clay which can lead to red staining and warping of the individual boards overtime, and 2) The radii of the fence are not uniform throughout the structure. Cathie Herman and Brent Henderson will contact Caney Creek to schedule a second walk-through to discuss those specific issues.

Website:

Cora Bauer reported that she believes it is best that we continue to use the same woman to manage the Ashwood HOA website.

Christina Whitehead will discuss the possibility of using a secure, internet-based HOA neighborhood directory, instead of a paper directory, with John Carson, the Ashwood Glen HOA president, who currently uses a similar system.

It was decided that the current Facebook group entitled “Ashwood Homeowner’s Association”, be changed to “Ashwood Neighbors” as it is not affiliated with the board members of the Ashwood Homeowner’s Association and should be used as an informational site only. Board Members will not post to this site to discuss board activities/questions. Cora Bauer will draft a paragraph conveying this information to all members that will be posted on the group’s main page and under the “About” tab. Christina Whitehead will be responsible for deleting inappropriate posts on the page.

Neighbors should refer to the official Ashwood website, www.ashwood30030.org, for official documents such as HOA neighborhood covenants, board meeting minutes, committee information, and email addresses to contact board members and committee chairpersons.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be scheduled after the date of the annual Ashwood HOA Barbeque has been finalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Minutes prepared by Amanda Castle