

# CASTLE COVE BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.  
Castle Cove Shelter

## ATTENDEES:

Board Members: Patti Davis, Tom Johnson, Maury Lathrop, Tom Stephenson, Lana Stevens, Marie Wright, Scott Gallagher, Ruth Ann Stephenson. Absent: Rich Havlin

Non-Board Members: Ron Sans, Mary Sans, Christie Wilmoth, Sydney Wilmoth, Greg Sorrels, Jay Bobian, Rich Kautzman. (*Only Ron & Mary Sans remained for the entire meeting, the other non-Board members attended fewer than 10 minutes*).

MEETING NOTES: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Presentation: Sydney Wilmoth, 8 year-old resident (with the help of her Mom, Christie) presented her idea of a **food drive** to the Board requesting neighborhood support, participation and advertising in the newsletter. Christie's letter to the Board is included after these minutes. The Board unanimously agreed to support her cause and thanked her for bringing this project idea to the meeting. All food items collected will go to Wheeler Mission and can be dropped off at 7967 Springwater Drive on the front porch between now and Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Items can also be brought to the **Annual Meeting at Lawrence North High School on Wed., Nov. 13 at 7:00pm.**

Minutes: of the July 2nd Board Meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: presented by Tom Stephenson

Bank Balances as of August 30, 2013:

Checking:	\$ 4,325.03
Savings:	\$30,335.72
Reserve:	\$14,092.42
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$48,753.17</b>

2013 Dues: 96.07% received for a total of \$78,805.73.

Home closings:

1. 7931 Cove Trace – 3/14 – seller Jones, buyer O'Neil
2. 8050 Clearwater Dr - 4/18 – seller Gilbert, buyer Pfau
3. 7959 Springwater – 4/29 – seller Dawley, buyer Mercurio
4. 8038 Clearwater Dr – 4/30 – seller Lindgren, buyer Barisano
5. 7913 Cove Trace – 5/20 – seller Novotny, buyer Wolf
6. 8131 Lake Point Way, 6/14, seller Mudgett, buyer Gaines
7. 8140 Springwater Dr, 6/28 – seller Grant, buyers Williams & Shonkwiler
8. 7957 Castle Lake Rd, 7/9 (foreclosure), buyer Secretary of Veteran's Affairs (to be sold again)
9. 8128 Castle Cove Rd, 7/26 – seller Benton, buyer Cavanaugh
10. 8030 Castle Lake Rd, Aug – seller-Skowronski, buyer Chaplin/Martin

**2013 spending** – A YTD statement is attached. At the May meeting we talked about \$15,000 to be spent this year. This was spread out in the 2013 budget among Pool repairs, common Area Revitalization, Common Area Repairs and Tennis court. Those accounts are highlighted on the YTD statement and we have spent \$14,754.

Based on our budget and projected expenses we have enough left with approximately \$10K to carry over. It is recommended the only additional project is removal of the dead trees next to the playground.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as presented.

## Committee Reports

**Architectural** (Sherry Havlin) Nothing to report

**Common Grounds** (Marie Wright) –

- Marie received an estimate from Arbor Doc for \$2785 to remove 3 large ash trees, 3-4 smaller dead trees and another ash partially alive next to the playground. Ruth Ann will get 3 additional estimates (Ping's Tree Service, Broad Ripple Tree Service & Bam Outdoor). A motion was made and unanimously approved to use the lowest estimate as long as they all were talking about the same number of trees and would provide us a certificate of insurance.

- Marie also had an estimate from Dave Fuss to prepare and over seed the areas near the tennis courts for \$722. The Board made a motion and unanimously approved this project. Tom Stephenson will provide enough hose and a sprinkler for watering. Maury will water.
- Marie removed the broken flower pots that were against the outside of the neighborhood brick wall.

**Compliance** (Rich Havlin- Lana reported in Rich's absence)

- Lana has not yet heard back from Devon Day of Code Enforcement regarding fence and pool issues at home on Castle Lake Rd.
- Boat in driveway too long is now gone.
- Regarding parking on street within 30' of intersection (with stop sign at Springwater and Clearwater), police say situation is OK. May ask DOT to erect "No parking between signs" to help with this congested area.

**Crime Watch** (Lana Stevens)

- There were 116 names on the sign-in list of attendees to our National Night Out Against Crime Ice Cream Social on Aug 6th. Along with many long time and brand new residents, we were pleased to have visits from Gary Lovelace the new liaison to the Mayor's Office, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, police officers, our State Representative and even McGruff the Crime dog!
- Soliciting by putting advertisement door hangers on our front doors was mentioned at the last meeting. If not removed by the homeowner, it can give the message you are not home. It was decided for Lana to call the "hibu" company and ask them not to distribute in our neighborhood. Lana submitted all homes in neighborhood to "not receive" door hangers from hibu.
- Residents have been keeping an eye out for a suspicious black pick-up truck.
- A Castle Lake Road resident's mailbox was completely knocked down leaving debris from not only the mailbox, but the vehicle as well. The perpetrator confessed and took care of replacing the mailbox.

**Garage Sale** (Karen Young) held June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Lake** (Tom Johnson)

- Rich Havlin has been unhappy with the quality of the lake water this year. He talked to someone he knows who treats lakes, but they are not taking on any more clients. Tom Johnson will call Aquatic control.
- A few weeks ago some people seen fishing may not have been residents. It is appropriate for Board members or residents to question people fishing or otherwise using Castle Cove amenities if in doubt.
- Muskrats are again becoming a problem around the lake. Critter Control will be called.

**Newsletter** (Ruth Ann Stephenson)

- An issue is planned for the fall.
- Ruth Ann was asked to include an article about needing more lifeguards next year as well as inviting residents to consider running for the Board of Directors.

**Nominating** (Rich Havlin)

- Three Board positions will be available this year; Marie Wright, Rich Havlin and Maury Lathrop.
  - Maury Lathrop will not be running again.
  - Marie will re-run.
  - Tom and Ruth Ann Stephenson will be moving and therefore will be ineligible to serve on the Board. They will, however, help with the annual meeting and serve until the end of the year.
  - Ron Sans said he would run again.

**Pool** (Tom Stephenson & Kyle Goodwin, Manager):

- Pates will close the pool Thursday.
- A resident has reserved the shelter for a party from 2-8pm on Saturday so the furniture will not be stored in the shelter until after that date.
- Water will be turned off in the restrooms Nov. 1.
- Tom looked into the cost of a cover for the baby pool. A 12 ft. diameter mesh cover would cost \$870 and would still allow dirt to filter into the pool. A solid cover (to keep dirt out) would cost \$1587. It was decided not to spend the money but continue to use a tarp cover which is satisfactory.
- Ron Sans and Dave Every installed the new lights in the restrooms.
- Maury put chicken wire around the bottom of the pool fence on South and West sides to keep the baby ducks out.

**Revitalization** (Lana Stevens) –Nothing new at this time.

**Tennis** (Maury Lathrop) – Nothing new at this time.

**Website** (Ruth Ann Stephenson) – Nothing new at this time.

**Welcome** (Marie Wright) – One new resident needs to be welcomed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Improvement List projects – Table for now since no more money to be spent at this time.

- Maury will call another electrician about raising landscaping lights.
- Status of lien foreclosure – Tom S. reported a check was received for \$7,476.16.
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Project: Lana reported that she has heard changes to the plan were made as a result of input to the public meeting. However, we do not know what has changed. Steve Hardiman with DPW said the plan has to be re-approved. There will be another public meeting sometime after September.
- Removal of dead trees near playground – see Common Grounds.
- Process to clean restrooms after pool season – Lana spoke with 4 companies and presented their information. It was decided unanimously that Pro-Clean would be hired to clean the restrooms once a week for \$35/week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Annual Meeting will be Wed., Nov 13 at LNHS at 7 p.m. (Marie will be out of town and unable to attend).

**2013 Board Meeting Dates:**

- September 29, 6:00 p.m. at LNHS for annual meeting planning, 2014 budget proposal, and 2014 meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Stephenson  
Secretary