

Amberley Community Association
Board Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2022
7 pm -- Zoom

Welcome new committee members Truman Thompson, Mary Ellen Hauck, and Jeanne Shaw.

October 2022 board meeting minutes approved.

Note: If anyone has changes to Annual Community Meeting Minutes, please send changes to Sarah.

Committee Reports:

1. Social: Katie/Ashley—not here
 - a. Deposit sent for the holiday party at Annapolis Yacht Club.
 - b. Send a notice of the date soon.
 - c. Jeff Vogel: commend Katie & Ashley on Halloween party. Great time. Well done.
2. Treasurer: Todd—
 - a. Normal expenses from Sept – Nov.
 - b. SCBD—normal expenses. Will be getting county checks in Dec., May, and June.
 - c. Posted “No Soliciting” signs.
 - d. Looking for a less expensive alternative to Quick Books (\$600/year). Todd currently working on a Mac. Auditor recommended that books put online so other folks have quick and easy access. (Gerald mentioned an auditor suggested Quick Books.)
3. Pier: George—
 - a. Water turned off at the end of October. Most boats out of water.
 - b. River’s Edge completed the final phases of storm water management. Packed the edges of the road to protect asphalt, reconfigured Pier 3 to avoid erosion.
 - c. Oyster Spat: recommends not oyster farming on the community piers.
4. Trash: Britt—

All good. Extra money in the account because we have more residents than ever as part of the program. May recommend lowering costs. 179 houses in the trash program. (Missing 20 houses.)
5. Architectural: Jean Shaw—not here. Nothing new.
6. Land Stewardship: Kelly—
 - a. Pier in good shape (George/Kelly collaboration)
 - b. Kelly—Runoff mitigation / native plant restoration--met with Severn River.org. and playing tag with Severn River Keepers to set up a meeting. No real progress in new storm water management. Will keep trying.
7. Broadneck Council: Pat / Britt—
 - a. MDOT installing traffic lights to help with service road problems.
 - b. Widening College Parkway—trying to survey community to find out what they want.
 - c. Holly Beach Farm—cannot open a national park and sustain the traffic incurred.

- d. Bay Bridge Reconstruction—Barbara Hitchings, Pat Lynch, Peter Bradley: representation, meets quarterly to review problems/suggestions.
- e. Greenbury Point—pausing the plans for a second golf course.

Other Business:

1. Time to renew membership in the BCC (Broadneck Community Council). BCC is a collection of communities on the Broadneck. Intent is to join with other communities and have a larger voice in what's important to us.
 - a. Voted to fund Amberley's membership.
 - b. BCC will have a new updated website soon.
2. Contacted by 2 community members redoing piers.: A new county law requires homeowners to notify their Homeowners Association when redoing a pier. Not necessary per Amberley by-laws.
3. At annual community meeting: Gerald/Kelly mentioned working on Plat V landscape. There are grants for native plants available. Need an organized plan. We can apply for a grant in the spring. Gerald reports: Landscape architect suggested three red cedars in line with the electrical boxes and then flush out with evergreens. Red cedars (\$135/each) very hardy trees. Can draw from the SCBD budget for a few hundred dollar and have a design drawn. Grant will only pay for native plants. Jeff Vogel suggested a landscape designer who specializes in native plantings. Jeff will reach out.
4. Chris Stewart asked when was this meeting disseminated to the members -- inferring that the board was meeting in secret / doing something illegal. It was explained that we are not a Homeowners association – that this is a regularly scheduled meeting for committee heads to provide updates to the community association board. There is no obligation to open the board meetings to the whole community according to Community Association rules. That said, anyone can let us know if they want to attend and any issues neighbors have, feel free to contact Sarah or Jeff to discuss.
5. Robbery at the Cate's house. They've had no contact from AACo police. Put Amberley on the "hot sheet". Periodic officer patrols. If anyone sees patrols riding thru the neighborhood, please contact Pat. Kelly saw a patrol early this am. Britt requested patrols after dark.
6. MaryEllen questions: talk to Tricia about her role. Tricia will connect this week.
7. Send out gentle reminder it's getting dark early, minibikes—use lights; walkers—use reflectors. Britt will follow-up.