

Bella Vista Property Owners Association

Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

August 8 , 2016

Final

**Welcome/ Call to order**

Tony Byars called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Country Club

In attendance: Judy Griffin, Bill Puskas, Gary Griffin, Debbie Sorensen, Ron Jones, Mary Henning, Shirley Burks , and Tony Byars.

POA Employees: John Urquhart

Guests: Dee Williams (Ideewilliams@cox.net 479-657-6202)

POA Liaisons: Pat Laurey, John Nuttall and Tom Judson

**New Committee Members:**

Shirley Burks and Jane Barfield were voted onto the board effective immediately.

**Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from July 2016 were approved via Internet and sent to Genevieve Henderson in June.

**Guest:**

Dee Williams approached the committee with the a suggestion that we consider adding a Bocce Ball court to our amenities. Her husband passed away and he was a fan of Bocce Ball. She has offered to give the committee \$1,000 (up to \$1500) to set up a Bocce Ball court. We discussed and said Branchwood would be best. Possibly using the shuffle board courts since they are never used. Bocce courts are approximately 91' by 13' a smaller version could be built (40' to 50' by 5'). Bocce balls would need to be purchased or individuals can bring their own - set of 8 approximately \$25. Some type of small score board (using golf tees) would needed to be built. Players number between 1-4. Tom Judson has an engineer who can give us a price for this court. We could also use benches along the side of the courts.

**Amenity Reports:**

- Lake Ann: Gravel is coming onto the new paved area from erosion.
- Lake Avalon: Soap dispenser still needs fixing in the bathrooms. Tom Judson has a part time engineer working with the POA , Allen Peterson. He will be working on the Lake Avalon Sand Beach project. No Ecoli has been found in the lake. This is good news for the swimming beach.
- Tiree Park still needs work on the parking lot area.
- London Park: Large tree fell and needs to be removed.
- Riordan Pool: No free swimming during pool classes. This is true at Branchwood too. We need to post a sign at Riordan ,outside the area, so people don't pay thinking they can swim and then they are told they can't. There is a sign at Branchwood.

**Rejuvenation Plan:** Tom Judson reviewed the Rejuvenation Plan. Ballots will go out on 9/1. Tom Judson passed around a list for volunteers to sign up to help with the phone bank. We will be calling lot owners to encourage them to vote and to agree to the assessment increase. It will save the POA money if we vote via Internet.

2017 projects are funded now and are not dependent on any assessment increases. As for projects coming up, Tom Judson said they would prefer to do 'winter work' so we do not disrupt any of the summer amenities.

As for funding projects, POA still has an emergency fund allocated to handle the amenities. We cannot touch the water reserves as they are in a separate company.

**Weekly Newsletter from POA:**

A new article for the weekly email information from the POA has been added. "Myth Busters" is a new addition that will help clear up any rumors that are going around Bella Vista.

POA now has 16,000 email addresses in their data base. Hard part is to keep all information current.

Tom Judson has asked the committee to keep him informed of any problems that come up with the employees. The most important aspect of any report is to be accurate on the date, who the employees is and the issue involved.

**Staff Update:**

John Urquhart introduced himself and reports the RV Park Wi-Fi is being upgraded and is a big improvement.

Gun range had 2 events in July and 243 groups in July.

There are 2 new PT Park Rangers on staff so we are now up to 5 PT Rangers.

Hot temps and rains have caused the lakes problems and they are being treated with herbicide.

We discussed swimming in Tanyard Creek and have little control on this issue. It is a State waterway so public can use the area.

**Community Gardens:**

Judy Griffin reported on the idea of expansion of a community garden. She is in touch with the person who is coordinating the community gardens by Mercy. They have received a considerable amount of money from General Mills.

Judy Griffin will report to the POA Board meeting in August, representing the Recreation Committee.

**Next Meeting September 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Country Club.**

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