

NORTHRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' BOARD MEETING

June 20, 2000

President Neal Loes called the meeting to order in his home at 7:00 P.M. All board members were present including Maureen Dockstader, Brian Sorenson, Bob Steffes, and Carol Payne

The minutes were approved as well as the treasurer's report.

Neal read a letter from Paul Wiegand, Ames Public Works Director. Paul clarified responsibility for maintenance of the ponds in Northridge. The homeowners' association is responsible for all aesthetic ponds, bridges, and waterways. The city is responsible only for the storm water detention pond, known as the North 40, near GW Carver.

The board agreed to accept the ponds from the developers with the stipulations that the ponds be dredged to the specified depth of five feet and cleaned of construction debris. Neal will send a letter to Don Newbrough stating these contingencies.

Maureen read a letter from the developers to the home builders requesting that loose debris be picked up so it does not blow into the ponds.

The board discussed and clarified that dog runs must be properly screened to neighbors and green spaces. Neal will draft a letter to that effect and send it to two residents whose dog enclosures have raised concern.

Administrative assistant Carol Bousquet is maintaining a copy of all materials that she is generating for the association on her computer. Neal suggest that two copies of the minutes be maintained, one by the board chairperson. The board chairperson will also keep a file with dog run and fence application, letters to developers, and anything else that is an element of business brought before the board.

Scott Logan, traffic engineer for Ames, was invited to our board meeting. He could not attend tonight. Maureen is going to contact him to see if he can attend our next meeting. The board's main concerns are with traffic on Bayberry, Aspen, and Ridgetop as well drivers going through intersections too fast.

Brian reported that he opened a savings account at Commercial Federal with the Riverbank fund money which was formerly in a certificate of deposit. He obtained a good interest rate, 5%, and it will allow him easier access when paying taxes on interest earned by the money. Two other CD's came due this month.

Maureen reported that a resident on Tupelo Circle complained about the neighbor's cat using their children's sandbox for a litter box. She doesn't want the neighbor contacted directly, but would like something put in the next newsletter. Maureen also answered the question raised about the interest on our accounts being taxable. It is.

Maureen presented an application for the erection of a garden shed at 3336 Bayberry. After reviewing the covenants, the board had no objection to the shed being erected. It will not be visible from any other property.

Maureen also had a question about the circle parking area near her home. Part of it is grass. The neighbors would like to remove the grass and put in other plantings so it will not need to be mowed. The board has no objection. Maintenance of the circle parking areas is the responsibility of the homeowners in the circles.

Bob met with developer Erb Hunziker to look at the trash collecting in the pond area. The area has since been picked up. Bob also voiced a concern about some poplar trees that have been planted five feet from a walking path at 3425 Valley View. Poplar tree roots have caused the path to break up in other areas.

Bob also wondered why the weather sirens were not heard in Northridge last Tuesday when they were sounded in other parts of Ames. Maureen will look into this. Maureen talked to a school board member about the school bus stops in Northridge. She was told to contact the school principals. She will do that.

Carol Bousquet would like to look into alternative copying centers. She feels she could get better service and prices. She will bring the information she receives to the next board meeting.

Neal has received three phone calls about the article in the newsletter addressing the green spaces being used for soccer practices. The notice asked that teams not use the areas for practice unless residents are on the teams. The concerns were that soccer practice was completely prohibited in the greenspaces.

Brian had a concern about a resident planning to put plantings in the green space.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, July 6 at Bob Steffes. Maureen will invite Scott Logan to the meeting. July 17 was set as an alternate date if Scott cannot attend on July 6.