

## **Northridge Homeowner's Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2000**

Board members Bob Steffes, Neal Loes, Maureen Dockstader, and Carol Payne met with Brian Sorenson at his home at 7:00 P.M.

The minutes were approved as corrected. Brian presented the treasurer's report which was approved. It follows these minutes.

**Old Business:** The Kruse/Edwards dog run was discussed. To the board's knowledge there have been no corrections made to screen the run. The board agreed to have our attorney, Craig Hastings, send a letter to them advising them that legal action will be taken if the covenants have not been complied with in a set amount of time.

**New Business:** Neal received a bill from Don Newbrough, the developer's attorney for legal fees. In reviewing the bill, Neal noticed that we were charged for services that the developers are responsible. Neal called Don who apologized for the error and the bill was corrected. The board will pay \$39 instead of the originally billed \$89.

The Ames Public Library has been reserved for Tuesday, January 16, 2001 for the next Northridge Homeowner's Association annual meeting. The date has been moved from March to January to be better in line with the budget timeline. The new budget begins in January.

The agenda for the annual meeting was discussed. Items that were suggested for inclusion were:

- Insurance representative to explain coverage.
- Fidella Marty: Welcoming committee
- Carroll Marty: Green space committee
- Review restrictive covenants
- Budget
- Election of Officers.

There will be two openings on the board. Carol's and Neal's terms are expiring, and they will not be running for reelection. Brian suggested that we come to the next board meeting with suggestions for possible candidates.

**Officer Reports:** Neal received a voiced concern about the frequency that the sprinkler systems were running at the entrances. Brian suggested that a professional be hired to regulate the timing on the systems. The board agreed to proceed with that suggestion.

Maureen received an offer from Deborah Munn that her family and the Steenblocks pay for installation of pumps in Cattail Pond. The board is concerned about maintenance costs for the system. The board agreed that a decision to invest in pumps should be made by all Northridge residents and not only the board of directors. There is currently no funds set aside for such a project.

Brian received a fence application from Mike VanVoort. The house sits on the corner of Valley View and Aspen and does not abut any green spaces. The application was approved.

Brian also received a request for a partial refund of annual dues. A resident sold his home. Because the board does not involve itself in this, the next dues notice will include a statement saying dues are not refundable. Reimbursement should be collected from the buyer of the home.

Brian spoke with John Langland of Gateway Insurance about our coverage. Currently we have \$X coverage for the officers of the board as well as \$X general liability.

Bob requested an itemized bill from Pennington Lawn Service. They sent a map of Northridge with the old areas highlighted in one color and the new areas that they are maintaining in another color to point out the increase in land that they are servicing. Bob has calculated the total amount of green space that needs to be sprayed for weeds and mowed. The information can be used when asking for next year's bid from Pennington.

Brian received a bill for the green space taxes of \$966. It has increased from \$631.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2000 at Maureen Dockstader's home at 7:00 P.M.

Carol Payne  
Secretary