



MEETING MINUTES- September 26, 2019
6:30-8:30 pm, North Liberty Recreation Center
Annual Meeting of the Arlington Ridge HOA

*In addition to the board, 18 residents were in attendance representing 16 households

*The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

1. Introduction of board members - all continuing for FY20
2. Summary of board activities over the past year (see separate summary document)
3. Financial condition of the HOA as of 9/22/19
 - a. Checking Account:
 - b. Money Market: *(Financial information available by request)*
 - c. Total Cash Balance:
4. HOA Budget
 - a. Approved FY19 budget was shared for reference
 - b. Actual FY19 expenses were shared - Note that the actual expense for Software & Website was actually \$1620 (not \$1920 as stated on the budget document) as we receive a discount for paying at once instead of monthly
 - c. Proposed FY20 budget was shared - Note that dues are not changing this year; Mike Lindley moved to approve the budget as presented; seconded by Brent Smith
5. Updates
 - a. PorchFest - No issues in 2019; may be moving to Cedar Springs for 2020
 - b. Solar power option for powering Penn St. pond fountain - Moxie solar has given us cost estimates for installing solar panels for each pond; note that rebates that are available to homeowners for solar panels are not available to the HOA; a concern was raised about vandalism and whether panels would be covered under our liability policy; additional research and consideration and additional bids are needed before we can bring detailed information to homeowners for a vote; homeowners expressed interest in having the environmental committee get more info and understand that they would have the opportunity to vote on whether we move forward
 - c. Ponds - Perimeter enhancements - Additional rock is needed because current rock has become compressed and depleted (thrown into the pond) over the past ten years; the board is pursuing delivery and installation of additional rock which is important for erosion prevention and weed control; please do not allow kids to throw or kick rocks into the pond
 - d. Entrance signs - Landscaping enhancements to consider – We've heard requests in the past for perennials/annuals to be planted around the entrance signs, and this interest was confirmed at the meeting provided the cost is not excessive and ongoing; the board will continue to explore options including professional installation, volunteer installation by homeowners, and perhaps support of a local youth group; question was raised as to who will water and maintain the plantings and what maintenance will be performed as part of our existing lawn maint. contract
 - e. Part 7 common area - Timeline for turnover, costs associated, improvements - Timeline depends on when the homes around Part 7 common area are sold, and the market has slowed somewhat; we have a verbal agreement from John Moreland (developer) to reduce weeds and re-seed before the section is turned over

- f. New committees - ANYONE INTERESTED IN JOINING SHOULD EMAIL THE HOA (arlingtonhomeowners@gmail.com)
 - i. Environmental Committee - Megan Franks
 - 1. Purpose: Make recommendations to the Arlington Ridge Board and share information with the members of the Arlington Ridge Homeowners' Association on environmental concepts and programs of potential interest to the residents of the neighborhood. May include researching/proposing options on environmental matters, completing projects delegated by the HOA board, and/or communicating and sharing resources with residents.
 - 2. Members (the following people indicated interest in this committee during or after the annual meeting): Mike Lindley, Hannah McCool, Alex Potter, Stacey Kelly
 - ii. Social Committee - Holly Lauer
 - 1. Purpose: After seeking approval from the Arlington Ridge Board, the committee will plan, promote, and coordinate (soliciting volunteers if needed) one to three events per year for the members/residents of the Arlington Ridge Homeowners' Association. If only one event is planned, it should be family-friendly. If multiple events are planned, care should be taken to appeal to a variety of groups. The committee is also encouraged to organize and promote simple get-togethers that do not require significant effort or HOA funds (e.g., dog park meet-ups, book clubs, parent groups, etc.) Annual budget allocation of \$1000 (approved at the annual meeting).
 - 2. Members (the following people indicated interest in this committee during or after the annual meeting): Mike Lindley, Gwen Johnson, Rachel Salamo, Dana Van Abbema
6. Open discussion/homeowner concerns
- a. Winner of the raffle for the \$50 Reds gift card was Brandi Hazel - Next year will be for Bluebird Cafe
 - b. Question was asked about whether we plan to put limits on the duration of holiday lights and decorations; homeowners are encouraged to remove temporary decorations within 30 days time, or as soon as weather reasonably permits, in order to maintain the safety and visual appeal of the neighborhood
 - c. Brent Smith talked about speed in the neighborhood – he has talked with city staff about this many times in the past; people have asked for speed humps but the traffic conditions do not warrant this; radar sign has been present regularly; concerns were also raised about traffic at the Dubuque Street entrance; Brent stated this is due to be reconstructed in 2023 as part of a larger project
 - d. Sidewalk cracks in the bike paths were mentioned – HOA is aware & will address
 - e. Someone asked if there has ever been a welcome gift/packet for neighbors – the Social Committee will consider this option
 - f. Question was raised about the using the “Nextdoor” app/website – many neighbors are members and some pros and cons were shared; overall people seem in favor of the current Facebook group
 - g. Recommendation made to add to Facebook a list of recommended service providers, though others stated that they like the option to request input
 - h. A new homeowner asked about a neighborhood directory, and Kelly McManus explained the “unofficial” document she has maintained and shared for the past several years and stated that it is in need of a significant update; she will discuss next steps with the board and the social committee
7. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Thank you to all who attended!