

York Farms Maintenance Corporation

Community Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2019

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:40pm on March 2, 2019 at the Bear Library.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Valerie DeLisle, Andrea Thomas, Jay Acosta and Julie Gray. Additionally 16 -17 homeowners were also present.

III. Open issues

- a) Valerie DeLisle stated all ballots received by the January attempted meeting were sent, unopened, to the Law Offices of E. J. Fornias the following Monday and all new ballots will also be sent so that the Attorney can tally the votes and send us the results.
- b) Treasurer Update - The community voted and accepted the 2019 budget. Julie Gray went over the budget line by line. The 2019 dues will be \$125.00 per household. Julie Gray also advised we switched banks to Artisans Bank and placed funds in both regular checking and interest bearing accounts. Valerie DeLisle updated on the efforts to collect outstanding dues, we are down to 13 homes delinquent. We have filed claims against all but one, which will be filed against in 2019. Most claims were filed by the Board to save on Atty fees. A Resident suggested we purchase an inexpensive printer to save money on printing costs, which the Board was in favor of.
- c) Speeding - Valerie DeLisle addressed the speeding issue in the community and advised the resident's efforts to get cars to slow down have not worked. The Board will submit an application to DelDOT for a traffic calming solution with the various options and details discussed.
- d) Littering - Valerie DeLisle addressed the continuing issue with trash in the common areas. Valerie advised the Board has asked Mountain Top to pick up trash in our common areas regularly, for a small fee.
- e) Architectural Review Committee (ARC) - Valerie DeLisle advised that Paul Darring has been elected chair of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Valerie advised the procedures in the ARC Charter have been revised and approved by both the Board and the ARC. The changes will be posted on the community website. Residents were reminded that any changes to the exterior of their home must be approved by the ARC.
- f) Snow Removal/Lawn Maintenance - Valerie DeLisle advised the contract with Forever Green was renewed. A request will be made to Forever Green to start grass cutting earlier this year. The Board will discuss continuing to use Mountain Top for maintenance of grounds around both retention ponds.
- g) Damage to common grounds by vehicles - Andrea Thomas informed the Residents about the causes for the damage to common grounds and the remedies underway to get curbing placed in the affected

areas that will ameliorate the situation. Andrea informed the Residents on the details of her efforts with elected officials and DelDot. Andrea advised that curbing, sidewalks and drainage issues will be addressed in 2020 instead of 2019 given the recent assessment by DelDot on their costs to remedy the issue.

- h) Median at Front Entrance - Valerie DeLisle informed the Residents on the plantings in the entrance medians and continued efforts to complete the plantings this Spring. Valerie advised the Residents the funding for the plantings came from a judgment received from the person who ran over the median and destroyed the area.
- i) Road Repairs - Andrea Thomas informed the Residents about the sinkhole that developed on Yorkshire Court and the remedies taken to repair the area. Andrea Thomas provided the community with the details of the cause of the sinkhole and her exchanges with DelDOT officials.
- j) Pond Repairs - Andrea Thomas informed the Residents about the New Castle County inspection and the overall state of the community retention ponds, which for the most part are in good shape. The issues that needed to be addressed were for the most part completed. There is a remaining issue with a repair that will be completed in the Spring and the retention ponds will then be up to standards.
- k) Pond Maintenance - Andrea Thomas and Valerie DeLisle informed the Residents that quotes were requested from many companies – three were received, and after review the Board decided to remain with Solitude.
- l) Spring Cleanup - Andrea Thomas informed the Residents about efforts underway to provide homeowners in the community with names of vendors who could provide services with regard to power washing, trim painting, shutter replacement and exterior maintenance.
- m) Mosquitoes - Valerie DeLisle informed the Residents about efforts to get the community sprayed for mosquito control at no cost. The process and details were shared with the Residents. A line was added to the Budget ballot for this and every ballot received expressed an interest in the service.
- n) Nonresident vehicles - Valerie DeLisle shared with the Residents her experience with non-resident vehicles parking and loitering in the community and asked the community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Board or Police.
- o) NCC Police - Andrea Thomas informed the Residents that a meeting will be scheduled in the future with the assigned New Castle County Police Officer to go over safety issues and crime affecting the area and possibly increasing police patrols to deter loitering vehicles.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jay Acosta

Minutes approved by: Valerie DeLisle & Andrea Thomas