

# **Annual Park Ridge Property Owner's Association Meeting**

**April 11, 2024**

**Heritage Church, 1604 East Pointer Trail, Van Buren, Arkansas**

President and presiding officer, Susan Moore, called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Reverend Wesley Hilliard opened the meeting with prayer.

Property owners in attendance introduced themselves to all other attendees.

The POA Board of Directors and Committee Members present were introduced:

- President- Susan Moore, Vice President- Steve Jones, Secretary- Stephanie Smith, Hospitality Committee- Marti Lusby, with assistance from Kathy Jones, Architectural Control Committee- David Grant, and Board Members Jennifer Feeny, James Gentry, and Ledro Justice
- Additional members not in attendance include Architectural Control Committee - Gary Whittington.
- Members of the Code Enforcement Committee were not announced.

Minutes from the POA Board of Directors Meeting on January 23, 2024 were read by Stephanie Smith, Secretary. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report:

- The treasurer's report was given by Susan Moore, Interim Treasurer. To date, 2024 due collected total \$21,900 with 6 uncollected dues.
- Current bank balance: \$41,798.94 checking; \$30, 779.62 CD for a total of \$72,578.56
- 2024 Expenses to date: \$2925.87
- The POA is maintaining a balance to have funds available to purchase the land at either side of the entrance when it becomes available.

## **Old Business:**

Based on the traffic study by the Van Buren Police Department in February 2023 and complaints received by the code enforcement committee, the speed limit in the neighborhood has been decreased to 25 miles per hour. New signage has been installed by the city.

In September 2023, the cracks in the waterfall basin were repaired by Rick Moore and the basin was sealed with epoxy.

A summary of our Protective Covenants was reviewed with emphasis to not park on the street. Property owners are encouraged to park in their driveway and invite their guests to park in their driveway to maintain a safe neighborhood and prevent accidents.

In regard to solicitors, property owners are allowed to post a no solicitor sign on their property. Businesses must have a permit from the city to solicit in neighborhoods. Nonprofit organizations do not need to have a permit to solicit.

Following the 2023 Annual Property Owner's Meeting, the board discussed both the suggestion of a neighborhood pool and purchasing a mower to maintain vacant lots. It was determined by the Board that a community pool was not a feasible project due to many member of the POA having a personal pool and the cost of maintenance and insurance. In regard to purchasing a mower, the owner of the vacant lot is responsible for mowing the lot. As outlined in the covenants, grass on vacant lots should not exceed 12 inches and grass on lots with homes should not exceed 6 inches.

#### **New Business:**

Susan Moore provided information on the motor vehicle accident on March 13 that resulted in damage to the landscaping at the entrance to our neighborhood. The accident was the result of the driver experiencing a medical issue. The vehicle displaced three boulders, left ruts in the sodded area, and broke a sprinkler head. Ground Effects was hired and paid \$500.00 to repair the landscaping. The sprinkler head has not been repaired and a plumber will be hired, if needed, to determine if there is a leak. The driver's insurance company has been contacted to cover repair expenses.

The Park Ridge Annual Garage Sale is traditionally held on the first weekend in May. If neighbors are interested in participating, the POA will advertise the event. Property owners will be responsible for obtaining their own permit from the city.

A recommendation was made for property owners to share business listings with neighbors. Information will be included in the next newsletter.

James Gentry provided information regarding recent concerns related to uncontrolled dogs and noise due to excessive dog barking. Property owners were reminded of the importance of being a responsible pet owner by controlling dogs and keeping dogs on leash. If a property owner notices a loose animal, face-to-face communication with the owner is encouraged. The property owner may also reach out to the POA board to assist with communication. The Park Ridge Facebook page may be used to assist in returning a loose animal to the owner. If the owner is unknown, Van Buren Animal Control can be contacted. When the POA Board receives a noise complaint related to barking, a courtesy card will be given to the owner.

In an effort to keep our neighborhood safe from nuisance animals that do not belong to property owners, members of the POA Board will be attending the Van Buren City Council Meeting on April 22 at 5:30 PM in the Van Buren Municipal Complex (1003 Broadway Street) to discuss options related to Territorial Jurisdiction. Property owners are encouraged to attend the meeting to show support for

potentially extending the city ordinances effect one mile outside of the city limits. Extending the reach of the city ordinances would increase neighborhood safety. There are no county ordinances in place to assist in controlling nuisance animals.

There were no nominations for new POA Board Members.

**The winners of door prizes are as follows:**

Tammy Rogers- 2025 POA due paid (\$150 value)

Kyle Putman- 2 Malco movie passes

Mason Feeny- 2 Malco movie passes

David Cox- hanging basket

Stephen Slipich- dog treat basket

Katie Donovan- Pasta Grill gift certificate

Sonia Guerrero- fruit basket

Pam Grant- planter of mixed flowers

Allison Hilliard- Braums gift certificate

Daniel Newell- fruit basket

Dawn Conn- planter of mixed flowers

Matthew Bomford- Great American Cookie Co gift certificate (donated by Kyle Putman)

Wayne Rounds- Great American Cookie Co gift certificate (donated by Kyle Putman)

A motion to dismiss was made by David Grant and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.