

**MYRTLE TRACE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – MAY 20, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Donna Ebling at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: *Board Members:* Donna Ebling, Pat Paxson and Nancy Southard, Mary L’Heureux

Absent: Ray Binis

Committee Chairpersons: Ted Ackley - Communications Committee, Pat Hosford – Architectural Review Committee, Santo Perry - Activities Committee, and Liz Maass, Property Committee

Contractors: Jim Luneke - Administrative Consultant

Also present were: Herman Rebocho, Bob and Cathy Smith, Elizabeth Borkowski, Tom Gayer, Nelson Fisher, Joe Martin, Jim Bond, Mary Johnsen, Susan Kongvold, Thor Kongvold, Roger Kirschner, Anne Kongvold, Jeanne Niziol, Karen Riley, Sharon Grabowski, Dave Rudnicki, Jan and Steve Notte, Linda Dale, John Drucker, Barbara Artz, Lee Williams, Claudia Allensworth, Jannine Sutherland and Bob Ebling

Donna Ebling, President, began with an opening quote: “An obstacle is something you see when you take your eyes off the goal” (unknown)

RESIDENT PARTICIPATION:

- Santo Perry thanked Ted Ackley for his 25 years of service to the Myrtle Trace community. Ted has edited, produced, and coordinated the delivery of the “News and Views” for 25 years! Santo presented Ted with a glass plaque. Thank you Santo and THANK YOU TED.

NOTE OF PASSING RESIDENTS:

Richard Hohenberger of 226 Wedgewood Lane passed away on May 15, 2020

Jim Conroy of 225 Wedgewood Lane passed away on March 27, 2020

NOTE OF NEW OWNERS:

Steve and Ann Morris purchased 214 Beechwood Lane on March 5, 2020

David Black and Shelby Bange purchased 105 Linden Circle on March 2, 2020

Richard and Louisa Valero purchased 225 Wedgewood Lane on March 23, 2020

Barbara Neifert purchased 109 Laurelwood Lane on March 5, 2020

Leon and Linda Raab purchased 108 Laurelwood Lane on March 16, 2020

Wayne Mickel purchased 105 Laurelwood Lane on March 23, 2020

Anthony and Mami Christopher purchased 210 Glenwood Drive on March 12, 2020

Spiro Aloupis and Lynn Butler purchased 199 Glenwood Drive on March 17, 2020

Philip Duck and Laura Desaulniers purchased 148 Myrtle Trace Drive on April 13, 2020

Jerry and Sandra Eamer purchased 207 Cedar Ridge Lane on April 30, 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pat Paxson moved and Nancy Southard seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous board meeting, April 15, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Santo Perry gave the report. Due to the closure of the clubhouse there was nothing to report. The committee was waiting to hear when the clubhouse would be reopened in order to plan for Memorial Day.

Mary L’Heureux moved and Pat Paxson seconded the motion to accept the Activities Committee report as written. The motion passed unanimously.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE – Pat Hosford gave the reports.

Pat Paxson moved and Mary L’Heureux seconded the motion to accept the ARC reports as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Liz Maass gave the report. She also provided the Board with an invoice from Mr. D’s Tree and Landscaping Service to cut and remove 7 damaged/dead trees for \$2,425.00. She discussed that when the pool opens, it will take several days to clean the pool area and furniture before the area will be ready for the residents.

Mary L’Heureux moved and Pat Paxson seconded the motion to accept the report and to remove the trees and to pay Mr. D the \$2,425.00. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE – Ted Ackley had nothing to add to his report. .

Nancy Southard moved and Pat Paxson seconded the motion to accept the Communications Committee report as written. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Pat Paxson gave the treasurer’s report.

Nancy Southard moved and Mary L’Heureux seconded the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Clubhouse and pool restrictions are still enforced.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- **The Board appointed a Committee to determine best practices and implementation procedures needed to open the pool and clubhouse. Mary L’Heureux is the Chairperson.**
 - ✓ **Pool** - She presented their findings, discussed the DHEC regulations, the continued state of emergency, and the responsibility that would fall to the residents using the pool. Residents would not be permitted to use pool furniture, equipment, must sanitize restrooms and pool rails after each use, maintain social distancing, and wear face masks when not in the pool and when unable to maintain social distancing. Due to the restricted occupancy, residents would need to sign up for time slots, which require a coordinator. It was not determined if

the current pool monitors would be willing to continue working in this regulated environment. The HOA was not going to pay for a cleaning company to clean up after the residents.

Nancy Southard made a motion, seconded by Donna Ebling that until restrictions have eased the pool will remain closed for the health and safety of the Myrtle Trace residents. The motion was passed unanimously.

- ✓ **Clubhouse** - The committee had many of the same sanitization concerns for the clubhouse, as well as, the limited occupancy. It was determined that it would be extremely hard to maintain the required disinfecting of the clubhouse, including the strict guidelines required for the restrooms. Due to the social distancing required, some activities could not occur.

Pat Paxson made a motion, seconded by Mary L'Heureux, that the clubhouse should remain closed until further notice except for use of copier and library. Motion was passed unanimously.

- **The Board needed to purchase a new shrub to cover the propane tank next to the clubhouse**

The hot water heater requires a propane tank. The tank near the front of the clubhouse on the left side is exposed and can be seen from the street. To keep within our ARC policies, the Board voted to buy a 7-gallon loropetalum bush from Plants Direct for \$49.95 plus tax.

Pat Paxson moved and Mary L'Heureux seconded the motion to purchase the loropetalum bush, the motion was approved unanimously.

- **Hurricane season is coming**

The Board reminded the residents that even though we are in the midst of COVID-19, we must remember that hurricane season will be here next month. The Board will create a small brochure about hurricane preparedness for the residents. It will probably be an insert in the July "News and Views". The Board also reminded residents to watch their mailboxes for the Horry County Hurricane Guide; this booklet is distributed to Horry County residents each year during hurricane season.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The Board thanked the residents for coming and the Pool/Clubhouse Committee for all of their hard work. The Board reiterated that it is not a popular decision to keep the pool and clubhouse closed, but we must put resident safety first. Residents were thanked for their understanding and cooperation.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Southard moved and Pat Paxson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15a.m. the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Ebling, Acting Recording Secretary