Springfield HOA Minutes March 12,2024

Members Present: Anne Marie Grimmer, Gary Ofenloch, Ruth Mellon, Tom Houlahan, Carole

Roberts and Frank Saunders

Members Absent: Kevin Gendron

Committee Chairs: Doug Ellison, Rich Whitehouse, Gray Ransom, Carole Roberts, Barbara

Houlihan, Margaret Ransom, Becky Saunders, and Helena Steere

Guest: Jim Montgomery, Jackie Shanaman, and Ralph Hunter

Agenda item/ Topic	Discussion	Action
Call to Order 1:00pm	Everyone was welcomed. Tom Houlihan was introduced as our meeting	Noted
	facilitator.	
Approval Minutes	Minutes were read.	Approved
ACC Form	The new ACC form is being used successfully and is available both on our Web pages, as well as on our Board Business Bulletin Board.	Members of the community are asked to use this form when submitting projects to the ACC for review.
	Gary and Doug were thanked for creating the form.	Noted
Property on Lampwick – abandoned	Carole reported that a family member of deceased owner was interested in ownership of the home.	Carole shared all pertinent information she had with them.
Flagpole	After much heated discussion, the Board voted in favor of returning the flagpole to its new position after a letter is sent informing our neighbors of its new location.	Anne Marie Grimmer will write the letter, which will be emailed to those neighbors who have provided an email to the association. The letter will also be posted on the bulletin board.
		Doug, Tom, Frank and Jim will put the flagpole up after the notification is sent.

	During the discussion, the feasibility of purchasing a flagpole with HOA funds was raised. It was determined that funds were not available at this time and that the old pole consisting of plumbing supplies would be put back.	Tom Houlihan stated that he would donate a new flagpole to our community. Tom was thanked and community members wishing to contribute may contact Tom directly. Tom will purchase a flagpole of at least 2-inch circumference.
	Gray brought to our attention that one of our neighbors did not feel the lighting provided by the HOA was sufficient for our community flag. This individual has graciously purchased a light he believes will do a better job. This individual also provides the flag for the community and has done so for years.	Gray will bring the light to Doug for installation. The Board thanks this person for his generosity throughout the years for providing our flags and the new light.
Distribution of Minutes	The minutes are not able to be passcode protected at this time.	The minutes will be distributed by email to those who provide an email address to the HOA, posted to the bulletin board and Springfield website.
Slate of Officers and Bios	We have three nominees running for our two open slots. Bios have been collected from all nominees. Gary Ofenloch Jim Montgomery Joe DiMauro If a Board member resigns, the third nominee would be invited to fill the vacancy.	Noted. Bios will be distributed with the annual meeting letter and proxy.
Update Security @ Mail Center	Cameras, and weatherproof containment box have been purchased. Spectrum and electrician have been	Gary and Ruth will oversee and work to install cameras as soon as possible after Spectrum installation in

	scheduled. A Board Member requested that the policy of access to video and the app for the cameras be put in writing and assurances that the audio for the cameras never be	about 2 weeks. Gary and Ruth were thanked for their efforts. The Board approved a motion that the audio recording will not be changed from the "off" position.
	changed from the factory setting of "off." The policy of access for video will be addressed guidelines.	position
	Lighting at the mail center has been improved.	Noted
	Surrounding the mail center with locking security fencing was again brought up.	At this time, the Board will not entertain this option due to inconvenience to our community members as well as cost.
Mulch	Rich Whitehouse shared a very thorough report detailing the cost of this project from 8 viewpoints and six different vendors. After much discussion that included three options: Fund the project at \$4,125.00; \$1025.00 dollars over budget; Fund the project fully next year; or have volunteers spread the mulch, saving some funds; a motion was made to fund the project fully in our 2025 budget. This dilemma occurred due to our contractor for this project reneging on our agreement.	Mulch will be addressed in the 2025 budget. All funds already allocated for this project will be used in 2025.
Proxy Letter	Carole has prepared the proxy letter and all signatures have been made. Letter will	Carole and Anne Marie will take care of this project.

	be prepared and distributed	
Pool Shed Shelves	as soon as possible. Tabled	
		Natad
Sandwich Board/A-frame	Clarification was given: The Sandwich Board is the property of the HOA; any committee has access to use the board as does the HOA Board. The Board is happy to see the board in use. It was noted that all property of the HOA is to be stored in the shed. A brief discussion ensued.	A motion was made and approved that the sandwich board would be used for up to ten days to advertise a particular event, with information removed 24 hours after the event. When not in use or being prepared to be used, the board is to be returned to the shed for storage.
Architectural Review	1139 Lampwick Lane	Entryway replacement approved 02/05/2024.
	1072 Vestry Drive	Installation of 3 storm doors Approved 02/24/2024.
	334 Chastain Court	Repaint door red. Door is currently red. Approved 02/29/2024.
	1081 Vestry Drive	Replace vinyl and install stacked stone veneer on the front of the house. Approved 03/05/2024
Beautification	Rich is stepping down as of April 20,2024. A new Chairperson is being sought.	Community members are encouraged to consider chairing this committee.
Covenant/Bylaws	Carole read the proposed new addition to ACC Guidelines regarding cameras at the mail center and pool as	Proposed change will be included on the proxy.

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	follows:	
	Security camera footage is	
	only reviewed if a problem/	
	situation has been identified	
	at the mail center, pool or in	
	the pool parking lot. Security	
	camera footage is not stored	
	or maintained as part of any	
	permanent record. Members	
	of the Board may view the	
	footage if a problem/	
	situation has been identified	
	at the mail center. Members	
	of the Pool Committee and	
	the Board may view the	
	footage if a problem/	
	situation has been identified	
	at the pool or pool parking	
	lot. Homeowners do not have	
	the right to view video	
	footage.	
Finance	Awaiting Audit results,	Noted
	expected date Friday March	
	20 th .	
	Monthly report given and	Noted
	excepted.	
Food Drive	The Food Drive Committee	Please keep these dates in
	will meet May 13 ^{th,} 2:00 pm	mind.
	at Margaret's home; all are	
	welcome to attend. Bags	Noted.
	along with directions will be	
	distributed June 4 th and will	
	be picked up June 11 th .	
Pool	The pool area will be open for	Noted
	sunbathing/gathering on	
	April 1 st .	
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	The pool will remain closed	The pool is not to be entered
	for swimming until May 1 st .	until May first; violators will
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	be fined and put our pool at
		risk of closure.
Social Committee	The February Warm-up	Noted
	Souper Supper event was a	
	Joaper Japper event was a	

	big success with about forty	
	members of our community in attendance. Those in attendance were treated to several varieties of soup, salads, breads and desserts. Even though the weather was cold, most people stayed a couple of hours to enjoy each other's company.	The Social Committee was thanked for hosting this event.
	The next event will be our Spring Fling, which will include a Cornhole Tournament, scheduled Saturday April 27 th . More information will be coming soon and there will be a signup sheet for those who would like to bring food.	Community members are encouraged to look for information on this upcoming event and to join in.
Website	Barabra continues to do a	Barbara was thanked for all she does.
Welcome	wonderful job for our HOA. Margeret reported that when making a welcome visit a new homeowner questioned whether they could have a fence since two homeowners near them have fences on the lake.	Noted
	Margaret explained the ACC approval processing pointing out the form.	Noted
	Margaret is now asking the Board to have the validity of those fences investigated and reviewed. A discussion ensued.	A motion was made and approved to contact an attorney before any further action is taken regarding the lake fences in question.
		Doug will drop off ACC files to Carole. Anne Marie, Carole, Ruth, and Gary will look at these files to

		determine the questions to
		ask the HOA Attorney. The
		Board will be notified of the
		meeting time and date.
Yard Sale	A longer chain to secure the	The Board approved this
	Sandwich Board on 707 is	expense.
	needed.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned	The next meeting will be held
	at 3:25 p.m.	at the pool at 1 p.m. on
		Tuesday, April 9 th .