



Coves at Wilton Creek E-Bits

April 20, 2017 Special Meeting

April 20, 2017 Board of Directors Highlights:

Board members present were Maggie Hurt, Jack King, John Koontz, Peg Meushaw, Jeff Loustaunau and Carolyn Schott. Property manager Mary Amparo was not present; however, eighteen homeowners were in attendance.

President: Peg Meushaw explained that the purpose of the meeting was to update the community on the March 10th meeting held with two members of the Water/Sewer Committee and the Middlesex Water Authority and to learn about the current activities of the MWA. The Board also wanted to present updates on other board projects.

Landscape Ad Hoc Committee: Carolyn Schott read the report submitted by Mary Galloway, Chair.

- February 15, 2016 – Coves Board approval for the appointment of the Landscape Ad Hoc Committee.
- July 18, 2016 – Coves Board approval for a \$1,000 budget to hire a landscape designer.
- August 24, 2016 – Coves Board approval of a not-to-exceed budget of \$25,000 for the completion of the landscape project.
- Estimated expenses to date - \$21,374.66 for water installation, VDOT application fee work sign rentals, GLF work, drip system parts, Denise Greene fees.
- Project work is complete as of the date of this publication.

Ponds and Dams: Jeff Loustaunau reported:

- All sides of the dams will be cut 4 times per year.
- Contract treatment to the ponds by Solitude Lake Company began last week to control algae in all 3 ponds and control of phragmites in Otter and Turtle Ponds.
- Considerable community interest was shown by the attendance of several members.
- There is wildlife in all ponds: fish, turtles, and frogs and all are safe with the treatment.

Water / Sewer Committee: John Koontz reported that he and Jim Knupp met with Matt Walker and Greg Chambers from the Middlesex Water Authority along with Ken Baybut from Bowman Consulting on March 10, 2017. The meeting included a tour of the water system with a discussion that followed in the clubhouse. The bottom line to the meeting is that, contrary to some misinformation, **the Board is NOT considering selling the water system!!!!**

As John Koontz has frequently stated, our water and sewer systems are in great shape! A more detailed report of John's report and the discussion that followed is available in the draft of the minutes which will be posted on the website shortly. Or you may request a copy by email from our secretary, Carolyn Schott.

Budgetary Items: Jack King reported:

- A quarter million dollars is earning 1.5% at EVB.
- We should keep these funds there to see what will be coming as the current rate is up to 2.4%.
- Detail information for budgeting as been sent to all Board members.
- Tennis Court repair contract is signed and a date is being pursued.
- Cleaning Contract: automatic payment to the current contractor was cancelled and a new provider is being discussed in Executive Session with a detailed contract.

Open Forum: The following topics were addressed in the two Open Forums: Why changes in the type of meeting, no open meetings regarding the tennis courts, auto-pay for the cleaning, ACC documents transparency. Is the county considering sewer with water? Come to see the underwater lighting on the Villas docks. Will the road joining the tending dock need to be resealed? Thanks for hiring a new house cleaning service. Downstairs floor painting

FYI: Kyle from Solitude Lake Management will be following up on our ponds tomorrow, Wednesday. He will be checking on the algae mainly, but also the phragmites in Turtle and Otter Ponds.

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