

Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

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The Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Board met on April 22, 2014.

All Board members were present and Tom Micke joined the Board to present the financial statement for March 31st. The agenda was amended to accommodate a visitor to the meeting, and then was approved as well as the minutes of the March meeting. The April meeting was delayed a week and the March minutes were changed to reflect that.

Committee Reports: The financial statement for March was reviewed and discussed. An amount was in the wrong line item and the Board approved the statement with this change. Lawn and outdoor maintenance is on hold due to weather and road restrictions. However, some trimming, dethatching of the lawns and reseeding of bare patches caused by plows will begin as soon as possible. Following reseeding, if the weather is very dry, homeowners are asked to water the seed. Last year the Board authorized sod for these spots and many of these replacements did not survive. The sprinkler company has been called and we are on the list to be scheduled for inspection and start up but it may be well into May before sprinklers are running. Two driveways on Marsh Drive will be repaired/replaced and the first of the roofs that are scheduled for replacement this season will begin as soon as weather and road restrictions allow.

Old Business: The entrance lights at the Marsh Ridge sign are now working. Repair on the home at 643 Bonita has started. The Board will e-mail the owner to have the very full dumpster removed by May 1 in addition to the trash in the back of the home.

New Business: Cheryl Collins updated the Board on investigation she has done on an invasive weed that may be in the pond on City property on the West side of Marsh Drive. The weed has been planted by many cities in Minnesota and other states as part of

treatment of waste and was planted in Delano's treatment plant. The weed is invasive and has a large seed head which blooms in mid-summer. Wind has transferred the seed to other marshy areas in the vicinity of the treatment center. This noxious weed can only be treated in marshes in late July after birds or frogs have propagated. Cheryl has alerted Wright County officials and the City and an official will work with the City to identify where the weed has spread and take steps to remove it.

A number of complaints have been received about dogs running free and failure of the owners to pick up the dog waste. City Park in Delano is not a "dog park" where dogs may run off leash. Both the City and MRHOA rules require that dogs be under the control of the owner at all times. In a related issue, if our lawn contractor repairs dog damaged spots in twin home lawns that occurred over the winter, the homeowner will be charged for this service.

The Board discussed assignment of duties or committees to various members. Any homeowner can call any Board member with a question or problem and that member will refer the question to the appropriate person to handle. All rules and by laws and Board members phone numbers are on the Marsh Ridge web site: marshridgedelano.com.

Pooling of runoff water behind homes on Tower Drive will be monitored during the spring and further action taken thereafter.

The annual walk through to assess lawn and maintenance requirements for 2014 will take place on Tuesday, May 6 beginning at 5:00. Please call a Board member if you have any issues to be corrected.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, May 15 2014 at 542 Marsh Dr.