Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

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The Board of Marsh Ridge Homeowners Association met immediately following the Annual Meeting on September 15, 2016. The minutes of the meeting on August 29, 2016 were reviewed and approved with an amendment. These minutes stated that the fiscal year of the Association began on October 1 each year. This is not correct. The fiscal year begins on January 1 each year. Insurance coverage is due for renewal on October 1 of each year.

First half of September expenses listed in the checkbook required a transfer from Reserve to pay Jenco's monthly invoice and the Capital expense for driveway apron replacements. Lawn care in the upcoming month will include trimming of shrubs and after cooler weather starts, trimming of lower branches of some Ash trees. Howard had detailed the Insurance coverage from October 1, 2016 to that date in 2017. Revised information on HO6 coverage and instructions on printing a Certificate of Insurance will be posted on the website www.marshridgedelano.com.

Old Business: The lights at the entrance sign are erratic and required rewiring. As of the writing of the minutes, the lights have been repaired. Shrubs will be trimmed so that the lights and sign are visible. A twin home on Marsh Drive closed September 15; a single family home on Aspen Circle is back on the market; a twin home on Marsh Drive is going up for sale soon.

New Business: Shrub pruning, tree trimming and bush replacements for the front of some twin homes is due this fall. Stump removal of three trees that were damaged by storms will be scheduled. The Board decided to ask the Architectural Control Committee to survey all twin home addresses to determine which need the above maintenance before we accept the bid for any replacements.

Gail Scholl will be working with Tom Micke to update the directory of homeowners' phone numbers. Some homeowners at the annual meeting requested a copy.

The draft budget for 2017 was briefly discussed and approved by the Board.

Jon Holzer and Howard have been informally asking other Association management individuals for estimate of costs to hire an outside management company for Marsh Ridge. Jon suggested that the Board prepare a request for proposal to get more accurate costs. We will work on this request for proposal in 2017.

As announced at the annual meeting, the Board is interviewing for a financial person to manage the books of the Association. This person, if hired, will work with Tom until he/she begins the position January 1, 2017. The Board treasurer, Jon will meet with Tom and a new person as needed until January.

Sprinklers have been turned off since August due to the wet weather. Jenco will shut down and blow out the system. Homeowners whose sump pump discharge pipe has been buried are urged to disconnect this pipe at the wall of the home so water that has collected will not freeze and back up.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 7:00 at 641 Marsh Drive. This is an open meeting and any member can attend.