

ENVIRON HOA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 16, 2005

Board members in Attendance:

Mike D'Andrea
Jill Abraham
Catherine Burke
Ioana Hance
Shireen Ambush, Property Manager
14 Homeowners

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES:

Catherine Burke made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2005 Board meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Jill Abraham and carried unanimously.

HOMEOWNER COMMENTS:

It was reported that light pole #31 on the Windsor Hill Drive side of the lake is flickering. Ms. Ambush will have the electricians repair it right away.

BEAVERS:

A discussion took place regarding the beavers which have taken up residence at the pond. Some residents in attendance have witnessed two beavers at the pond and a lodge has already been built. John Vivian of the Humane Society was in attendance at the meeting. He advised that beavers will eventually abandon the site once all trees are wrapped. Mr. Vivian discussed some ecological benefits of having a beaver lodge in the ecosystem. Incidents of rabies and diseases from beavers are very rare. The average litter size is 4 and the young will stay with the parents for the first 2 years. Several homeowners in attendance voiced their support for having trees wrapped to prevent beaver damage. Other homeowners suggested trapping and killing the beavers. FYI, Maryland State law requires beavers to be killed when trapped. Those in favor of this position argued that the loss of trees affects property values and the potential health risk that the beavers pose makes trapping a viable option for the community. After lengthy discussion, the Board agreed to proceed with acceptance of Lawn Ranger's proposal to unwrap and rewrap approximately 70 trees at a cost of approximately \$20 per tree to protect the trees from beaver damage. The Board requested that the green vinyl coated mesh be used for the tree wrapping since this type is much more aesthetically pleasing. The Board felt that the tree wrapping expenditure is an investment that will protect the trees from these particular beavers as well as from any beavers which should inhabit the pond area in the future. The Board agreed to revisit the matter at the next meeting to determine what if any further action needs to be taken.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Various correspondences to and from management were reviewed but did not require Board action.

WILDLIFE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Board requested the assistance of the Wildlife Committee in drafting a letter to be sent to all owners at Environ HOA announcing the beaver issue and the action that the Board has taken thus far to address it. The letter should state facts about beavers and the potential tree damage they create. Homeowners should be asked to attend the next meeting or send comments in writing on the opposing viewpoints as to how the beaver problem should be dealt with.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the community clubhouse.