

**Carderock Springs Citizens' Association**  
**January 21, 2013 Minutes CSCA Board Meeting**

Present: Barbara Ames, Margit Meisner, Larry Ondrejko, Jack Orrick, Georgi Petsche, Phil Rider, Mary Lou Shannon, Bob Stocker, Joe Tobin, Gunnar Tomasson

Opening and Comments –

Phil Rider called the meeting to order.

Discussion –

1) Secretary's Report –

Gunnar Tomasson presented the December Meeting minutes for review. Gunnar noted that no comments or change requests had been received after distribution of the draft minutes. Following discussion, the minutes were approved as presented.

*Gunnar Tomasson to consider December Meeting minutes final.*

2) Treasurer's Report –

Bob Stocker provided an overview of the end of year budget including a review of current balances in CSCA accounts. Bob noted that the 2012 budget included costs associated with the development and distribution of the Carderock Springs Community Directory. However, the directory will not be distributed until the first part of 2013 meaning that the costs are not reflected in the 2012 actuals.

*The Treasurer's Report was approved.*

3) CSCA Proposed Budget –

Bob presented a proposed 2013 budget for discussion. Phil Rider asked whether the Board should set a cap on the Legal fund (aka "Restricted Savings"). The consensus was to keep growing the account during this time when the community is not incurring any significant legal fees.

The proposed 2013 budget was based on 325 homes participating in the CSCA while maintaining the \$50 annual membership cost. There was some discussion to increase the dues to \$60 since there has not been a dues increase in several years. The By-laws were revised recently to make dues changes easier to implement.

Georgia Petsche proposed cleaning and repairing the Carderock Springs Swim Club sign at the end of Carderock Springs Dr. Following Board discussion, it was determined that the Club is responsible for the maintenance of the sign.

A follow-on discussion to the sign maintenance was the purchase and installation of a second "Historic Designation" sign close to the Fenway Rd./Carderock Springs Drive community entrance. The sign would have to be separate from the Carderock Springs Swim Club sign but could be positioned close by. To increase awareness within the community, a write-up in the

newsletter was proposed regarding the significance of the community's "Historic Designation" and the recently installed sign on Lilly Stone Dr.

Overall, numerous questions and comments were generated during the review of the 2013 budget. Bob Stocker was capturing the agreed upon changes on his budget sheet and he provided a verbal review of the changes he had captured. The proposed 2013 budget, with discussion changes incorporated, was approved.

*Provide newsletter article regarding the significance of the community's "Historic Designation".*

*The proposed 2013 budget with discussion changes incorporate was approved.*

4) Newcomer's Reception Party Update –

Joe Tobin provided an update to the planned Newcomer's Reception Party. The plans are being finalized. He provided a review of the food and beverage details. The suggestion was made to have a flier out 2-3 weeks in advance of the party. The flier should emphasize that everyone is invited to the party to welcome newcomers. Mary Lou would like to have a neighbor take photos which could be used in an upcoming newsletter.

5) Annual Dues Discussion –

The proposal had been made earlier in the meeting to consider an increase in CSCA dues from \$50 to \$60. Jack Orrick noted that the current \$50 dues had the CSCA running on a surplus which was being put into savings. Based on this, Jack's suggestion was to stay at the \$50 level until budget circumstances changed. Following discussion, the consensus was to keep the annual dues at \$50.

6) CSCA Priorities for 2013 –

Phil has received input from several residents on the issue of deer control within the neighborhood. Several issues, including the natural landscape of the neighborhood and the proximity to Montgomery County parkland, present challenges. Another issue was whether the Board could realistically establish and enforce steps to address the deer in the neighborhood.

The idea was proposed to distribute a questionnaire on the topic "What are your major community concerns?" Phil suggested that this question go out the community. An ad hoc task force could be put to work on this if needed. Based on previous discussions, two questionnaires would be put together:

- 1) Identify major community concerns to prioritize CSCA efforts.
- 2) Gather community input on question of tree guidelines and removal.

*Phil Rider and Mary Lou Shannon will draft community concerns questionnaire.*

*Jack Orrick will work on tree guidelines/removal questionnaire.*

Meeting adjourned