August 8, 2024

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Board Members Present:

Gerry Mannel, President

Susan Mannel, Secretary

Laurie Mergler, Treasurer

Fran Mergler, Vice President

Community Members Present:

None

The meeting commenced at 6:33 PM

The June Board meeting minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer’s Report

Laurie presented the Treasurer’s report, year-to-date expenditures, and budget. It was decided to renew the CD that is up on 10/1. With what we have in the savings account and with the January dues collection we should have sufficient funds to cover upcoming expenses. The 2025 proposed budget was reviewed with minor adjustments.

Vice President’s Report

Fran gave an update on the ponds.

1. Ivy Hill removed the tree from the Bynum Run Pond. It damaged the fence, and we will need to have this repaired. Fran indicated that the damage to the fence wasn’t as bad as originally thought. They also corrected the outflow area. Cattails are growing back in the pond.
2. At the Deepwood Ct. pond Ivy Hill corrected the area above the inflow and outflow where rock was displaced. Cattails are growing back here as well.
3. The Sidehill pond didn’t require any work, but there is another gopher hole.

Fran will contact Derek, at Ivy Hill, to get an estimate for liming and fertilizing and spraying the cattails. We still have not heard from the county about the leak in the Deepwood Ct east inflow pipe.

Design Review Board

Gerry reported that we received a request for creating flower beds and a violation notice was sent to remove an unapproved fence. A letter was sent in reference to a nuisance complaint about a neighbor’s dog.

Committees

**Newsletter:** This will be included with the annual meeting mailing

**Website:** Gerry reported the website is up to date.

**Next-door:** Gerry reported it is up to date.

**Welcome Committee**s: Mike is up to date on visits. Gerry reported that 2 homes recently sold.

**Yard Sale Committee**: The date will be decided by Amelia and Lee Tessier.

**Nominating Committee**: Gerry and Susan Mannel are running for reelection this year.

Old Business:

Laurie reported that according to our Articles of Incorporation, we are a 501C4 and therefore not subject to the Corporate Transparency Act. Susan reported that the Certificate of Insurance has been sent to the Church of the Good Shepherd for our annual meeting.

New Business

Gerry replaced the light sensor at the sign. It was brought to the Board’s attention that a political flag is being flown by a homeowner. It was decided that Susan would send a letter to our attorney to determine if a political flag is considered a political sign and therefore subject to the Maryland statue and our rules.

No further items were on the agenda and the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Mannel, Secretary