

**CHATHAM HILLS SUBDIVISION ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**FARMINGTON LIBRARY 7.00 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** David Ryall (President), Danielle Adams, Kelly Bedross, Jonathan Brown, Mike Clark, Chuck Fehl, Ronda Harris, Sheena Mathai, Curt Martin, Lillian Ryall.

**Other Members Present** 42 people representing 32 households.

David Ryall opened the meeting and introduced the Board members present, explaining their functions.

**Minutes**

The minutes for the annual meeting from 2022 were reviewed. Chuck Fehl proposed acceptance and Kelly Bedross seconded – the motion was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer**

Danielle Adams presented a written report covering 2022 and 2023 expenditures. She confirmed that the funds for the pathway are now in an interest-bearing account with Fidelity.

**Website**

There were no questions for Sheena Mathai

**Membership**

Curt Martin said that ten households had not yet paid the dues / assessment with the amount outstanding being \$6067, including some for prior years Curt states that as people move he will be contacted by the title company to ensure no fees are outstanding. The directories have just come out. In response to a question as to whether we track for payments from people who move out,

**Safety**

David Ryall standing in for John Weigel stated that identity theft continues to be a problem and that there have been recent thefts of checks even from outside post boxes by the post office.

**Social**

Lillian Ryall mentioned the activities for the year and is again looking for a Santa for December and if one can't be found may have again to a holiday lights competition.

**Deeds and Restrictions**

Ronda Harris had no issues. A question was asked about people having unsightly yards and it was suggested the best route is to approach the city. There are concern about large holes being left by DTE and WOW where they are only going to fill the after all work has been done.

**Entranceways**

Chuck Fehl mentioned the main responsibilities of the position, and the work done during the year (principally plantings, sprinkler work, trimmings, lawn service for the medians etc., repairs and the holiday lights). He mentioned an auto accident at the Smithfield entrance where we managed to collect from the driver's insurance. The debris etc. will be removed and grass seeding carried out in the spring. He will be working next year on the Brittany Hill entrance and planting some ornamental greens instead of the lava rock. One resident mentioned the ornamental grasses on the bridge can obscure a view of the road and need to be trimmed.

He made a point of thanking Gene and Kim Katlinski who for a number of years have, on their own initiative, been trimming under the bridges in the park.

### **Parks**

Mike Clark and Kelly Bedross explained that the work on the path is proceeding and should be finished by the end of the week. They shared some pictures. There will also be about 400 yards of topsoil brought in to be put down at the side of the path. In response to a question about the potential longevity of the path, there was no firm answer to be given but the expectation is that it will be satisfactory given the path that has been overtopped was put in around 1995.

Questions were raised about the bridges. It was explained that the cost of the path went up so much that bridge work was curtailed – the estimate for replacing them would be around \$200,000 even if someone could be found to do the work, which right now seems unlikely. Some welding has been done where needed on the supports and planks and handrails replaced as needed. Right now, there are no apparent safety concerns.

The lawn service sub-contractor went out of business, but the original contractor has taken over and organized the final cuts. We are now looking for a new contractor for next year.

The sink hole currently guarded by orange tape will not be filled – it seems that lines from nearby homes may not have caused this so if it is filled in and nothing happens then there will be no further problem.

In response to a question about people seen walking with dogs not on a leash, the response was that it is better to notify the police.

### **New Business**

The meeting was asked if it would be better to keep the annual meeting in October or move it back to March. On a show of hands, it was decided to keep to October.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7.55 pm on a motion proposed by Chuck Fehl, seconded by Jonathan Brown and carried unanimously.

