HOA September Monthly Meeting

September 23, 2021

The meeting was held at Smokey Row in Ankeny and was called to order by HOA President, Cindy Augustine at 7:03 p.m.

The following Board Members were present:

Cindy Augustine, President

Barb Merkle, Vice President/Treasurer

Karen Hansaker, Secretary

Scott Miller, Board Member

The following homeowner was present:

Julie Malone

Julie and the unit beside her have had issues with voles or moles around their units. We called Preferred Pest Control. They are scheduled to come out on Tuesday, October 18th and will let us know if it’s voles. They will treat for voles, but they do not treat for moles, squirrels, or ground squirrels.

She also had an issue with water in her basement after she washed off her front porch. After she had finished, she noticed water in her basement on that same side. This is the first time she had noticed having a problem. We asked our handyman to look at the situation, but this isn’t something they know much about and suggested we call someone like B.A.M. We think having dirt placed around the foundation will solve the problem.

Karen presented the Financial Report; it was approved by Barb and Scott. The report will be posted to the website.

Barb has deposited all dues to date. Within the next month we will be checking the spreadsheet for any outstanding dues and will be reaching out to the homeowners. She continues to improve the spreadsheet and will carry any outstanding dues forward to the 2022 spreadsheet.

Scott asked how many units we have in the association. We have 66 units. A brief discussion was held regarding having a property management company manage the association. They only take care of the bills and dues; we’d still need Board members to handle the repairs and issues and they are expensive.

We discussed unit 1448; a lien had been placed on that property and it has been sold to Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity. The past dues amounted to $2,850.00. Our lawyer has been contacted and that amount has been passed onto Greater Des Moines Habitat for Humanity.

Justin has been running out of siding as he replaced the broken pieces. He’s about done with the greenish/blue homes and will be starting on the tan 2 story townhomes.

We had Preferred Pest Control come out for our annual spraying of termites and carpenter ants on the landscape timbers.

The concrete work is scheduled for October 6th; the homeowners have been notified and will need to park their vehicles off the concrete for 5 days. The concrete work needed to be rescheduled. We revisited the list and added to it and are waiting for a new quote. We will only be replacing severely damaged concrete that is causing water problems or is a trip hazard. We will be sending out an email blast to all homeowners letting them know when the concrete work will be done; we’ll need everyone to avoid parts of the sidewalks along with the parking lots.

We had received a quote from AM Snow Removal and Lawncare Services for $24,000 to do a multitude of work including, removing weeds, shrubs, trees, grinding down the stumps, and cleanup. This will include taking out 12+ big trees in back and 3 dying trees in front, along with cleaning up bushes and trees along the creek in the back of homes as well as around the homes. This was voted upon and approved.

Karen brought up the reduction in dues, it was decided that it needs to be voted on at the next Annual meeting next Spring 2022.

We will hold off on getting a quote on power washing the units until next Spring.

Barb will be contacting Quick Roofing and sending them pictures of the problems we have noticed. They will be coming out the week of October 18th and looking at our roofs. There were concerns that vents had been roofed over and not replaced. They said they have replaced them with vents coming out from the top of the homes.

Carolyn Haws submitted a handwritten landscaping design to add rock around the front of her townhome. Cindy was going to send her our landscaping form to fill out.

Cindy will print and mail out the homeowner survey document for new homeowners. We need to have their email addresses so we can communicate with them and make sure they are aware they can pay their monthly dues online. We’ll also make sure we have a realtor package to give to new homeowners when we see homes go up for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

The next meeting will be held the 3rd Thursday of October. October 21st at Smokey Row at 7:00 p.m. We encourage all homeowners to attend the monthly meetings, we certainly could use your advice and help in keeping our association beautiful.