

ASSATEAGUE POINTE HOA MINUTES

May 21, 2022, Meeting called to order by Barry at 9:00AM

Board Members in Attendance

Vice President: Barry King, Treasurer: Troy Purnell, Member At Large: Missi Clark, Recording Secretary: Xanthe Lewis

Property Manager's Report by Troy Purnell

Property Manager's Report:

- Everything is running very well. It does not look like we are going to need any new mower this year, but we may need a motor. We now have a full staff of five on the grounds crew.
- The Rec Center pool was re-plastered. It looks great and will be up and running soon. In the Clubhouse we put two new heating and air conditioning units in the common area. We will most likely be replacing the 1998 unit that's in the bathrooms as well. The corn hole and shuffleboard court expansion is under construction. We are hoping to have that completed by next weekend. The court will be completely fenced in and will only be accessible during pool hours to eliminate possible late-night noise to the surrounding homes.
- All the fountains are up and running for the season. All the ponds will be treated for algae this summer.
- We apologize to the five homeowners that have the sink holes in the drains that we have not completed the full repair on yet. The sink holes have recently been filled to avoid any safety concerns. After the summer season we will be replacing the drains and pipes leading into them. The pipe between us and frontier town has been replaced on our side, but it is failing on the frontier town side as well. A block header will be added, and we will need to get on their side to replace that pipe when the season is over.
- Frontier Town is expanding again. Most likely back where their drain fields were. They have been in front of the zoning committee for permits.
- The sewer lagoon was leaking, but it has been repaired. Worcester County plans on replacing the lagoon in the next two or three years. All the sewage will pump over to a neighboring plant during that time. They have the money in reserve so there will not be an increase in dues or a special assessment.
- We have planted some new crepe myrtle trees over by the storage yard. Depending on how they do we may or may not add sprinklers out there.
- The kayak racks are completed, and they will be installed shortly. They will be in the back right corner as you enter the storage yard. We will be coming up with a registration system and fee for the racks and let the community know.
- The metal benches at McGee Park and playground areas have been replaced with recycled plastic ones. We plan to replace the wooden furniture with that material as well, when necessary. Also, memorial benches have been added behind the basketball court facing the pier.
- The trash area has been looking better. Please break down any tree branches you are throwing away. Waste management charges us for each pick-up in addition to the weight. We try to mash it down as much as possible to save on pick-up charges.

Treasurer's Report by Troy Purnell

Financial Statement for 2021:

- We get a third-party accountant to audit all our books every year. Throughout 2021 we had a lot of fluctuations throughout the budget. Overall, we were over budget \$8,777. That is good for a total budget of \$1.2 million dollar. This year's budget is going to be a little trickier because we based it on last year's budget. We have seen a lot of inflation with the increase in fuel prices.

Financials through April 2022:

- We are \$36,022 ahead of budget for this year. That is mostly due to the \$40,000 we transferred over for the pool renovations at the Rec Center. Amenities are \$23,085 over budget because that is what we have paid towards the pool re-plastering so far. Expenses are \$1,700 over budget. Special projects are \$15,000 over budget, but we have completed all our special projects for the year. Every month the budget adds \$2,000-\$3,000 towards special projects, so it will break even by the end of this year. Grounds maintenance is higher because we have \$9,000 in there for adding the crepe myrtle trees. It is about \$5,000 over because of payroll. Utility expense are \$3,807 over budget. In total, we are \$20,520 over budget, but \$15,000 will be deducted from that number once the special projects money catches up.
- The Bank of Ocean City is working with us to establish online access for the HOA and electric bills. This will allow homeowners to make payments and view their bill online. We will inform the community when this is up and running.

Old Business

911 Address': You must have your house number visible on the front of your house!

Collection Bins for Aluminum cans: There will be recycling bins on both pool decks and in both buildings. They are for ALUMINUM CANS ONLY and will be labeled as such. The grounds crew will collect the cans and bring all cans to the Worcester County Humane Society. WCHS has helped us greatly throughout the years with the spaying and neutering of stray cats, as well as finding many of them homes. We are taking this opportunity to help them in return.

Clean up Courtesy (Gate) Shack: We will be doing a few renovations to our front gate shack. This will include painting, trim work, and thorough cleaning.

Dog Park New Upgrades: There will be water run to the dog park for the dogs. Also, we have added some wireless cameras, so we can monitor the area. Benches will be going into the gazebo as soon as possible.

New Memorial Benches: New benches have been added to the area behind the basketball court, facing the pier and bay. Two of these benches are in memory of late board members Fred Verga and Bob Molle. Plaques will be added to the benches as soon as they are completed.

New Business

New Storage Yard Chairperson: A thank you to Joyce Wetzel is our new chairperson for the storage yard. She has already begun learning and putting stickers on storage items. If you have any questions, please contact her or the front office.

Replace Sign at Basketball Court: Unfortunately, the sign stating that the basketball court closes at dusk is missing. It appears that it was ripped down. We are having another sign made and will do be securing it with a steal plate to prevent any more thefts.

"Footprints" Report

Community Member Injury: About two weeks ago Mike Whaley fell approximately 7 feet off a ladder landing on the back of his head on the concrete. The EMT's and fire department arrived quickly. He lost consciousness and was taken to Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, MD. He sustained a serious concussion and a severe skull fracture. Fortunately, he has recently been transferred to Encompass Rehabilitation in Salisbury, MD for physical therapy. At this time there are no visitors allowed. Any cards or letters for Mike can be dropped off at the front office. Kay will take them to Mike so he can read them. He continues to make improvements, and hopefully Kay and Mike will be back among us soon.

Committee Report

Beautification: Missi Clark- We have made the decision to move Clean-up Day back to the last weekend in April for next year. This will allow for easier rescheduling in case of rain and help us avoid the hot weather. I will be placing markers by the milk weed plants to identify them. The Butterflies feed on these plants

ECC: Mary Ann Bing- Things are looking great. Inspections are complete and letters have been sent out. I will be going back around the second week of July to make sure the violations have been completed. If you are unable to complete your work by then please fill out your form and send it back to me. As long as you are communicating it will be fine. Thank you to everyone for keeping everything looking so nice. If you received a violation letter for a rusty propane tank, please contact your gas company. Please pull all weeds, even dead weeds. A lot of shrubs are overgrowing. Trim them back into your flower beds so the grounds crew can get by with the lawn mowers. Golf carts can only be driven by licensed drivers. If they have a permit, they must have a licensed driver with them. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Thanks for taking pride!

Storage Yard: Joyce Wetzel-I have started putting stickers on storage items. Also, I have been in touch with some of the local nurseries to see there are any eco-friendly weed killers we can make at home. I will add those to our next newsletter.

Entertainment: Vince & Lynn Luca- An additional paint night has been added on Tuesday July 19th. August Bingo has been changed from August the 20th to 6th. All schedule updates are reflected on the Assateague Pointe website and on the schedule handouts in the office. Hotdog nights begin July 1st, and the volunteer schedule will be posted for July and August. Please do not expect a \$1 hotdog this year. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in food pricing across the board. All events are priced to break even, not for profit. Please do NOT remove any flyers posted on the Clubhouse or Rec Center doors. Flyers are available to print on the website under the events tab.

Pools: Barry King- The new mushroom has been installed on the Clubhouse. It was snapped off due to children swinging from it. They will finish cleaning the pools and adding the chemicals this week. We will be having our inspections soon. The corn hole and shuffle ball court should be completed by Friday. We have been combing the Rec Center pool since its completion 3 weeks ago. This makes the plaster smooth, and the water helps cure the plaster. The dog swim this year we may charge a small fee to be donated to the Humane Society. There is a flyer on the bulletin board regarding WCHS donations. They always need blankets, towels, newspaper, etc. for the animals. You can drop any donations right on the Humane Society, just leave them by the door.

Nature Conservancy Committee: We will still be doing the Butterfly release. As things progress, we will determine if we need some volunteers for the release. If you have any interest in helping with that event, please contact the front office. Dave and Benda Hawk have readied the Butterfly Garden for the season. Please do NOT pull any flowers or weeds from the Butterfly Garden. Some of the plants that may appear to be weeds are what the Butterflies feed on.

Announcements

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS, WE HAVE MUTT MITTS AVAILABLE! PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR DOG TO DIG IN THE DOG PARK!

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS ON www.AssateaguePointe.com & JOIN OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Open Discussion

Q: Will the new corn hole and shuffleboard court eliminate the parking spots that are there?

a) *No. They will be pushed back into the dead space behind the original spots. It will be relined when the court is completed.*

Q: How will the Frontier Town expansion affect Assateague Pointe?

a) *It will not affect us other than an increase in traffic on Rt. 611.*

Q: Should we crush the cans going into the recycle bins?

a) *No, it is not necessary to crush them.*

Q: Do you foresee an issue with residents using the recycle bins for plastic and glass instead of cans?

a) *The recycle bins will be clearly labeled for ALUMINUM CANS ONLY. Wal-Mart has a free recycling center if any residents would like to bring their plastic bottles, glass, or other recyclable goods.*

Q: Where is Worcester County Humane Society located?

a) *Down Eagles Nest Road off of Rt. 611.*

Q: When will the individual homes with erosion issues be getting repaired?

a) *We will be addressing the individual erosion issues in the fall. The larger issues had to be addressed first which delayed work on some of the small ones. If you have an erosion issue, please notify the office so we can add you to our list.*

Q: It often takes a while to my yard to dry out, can a drain be added?

a) *In some cases, we can add a French drain. The drainage easement behind the houses were built to percolate into the ground instead of running off. That follows the storm water management design. We will continue to add and replace French drains where possible to improve these issues.*

Q: The area by the mailboxes is always wet and muddy which can be slippery.

a) *The awning covering the mailboxes prevents that area from drying out quickly. We will have the grounds crew power wash the concrete area.*

Q: Is there any plans to add a light where Rt. 376 and Rt. 611 intersect?

a) *It has been discussed for many years, but it always gets shot down by the state highway administration. We advise any resident that would like to have a light added there to write an email to the state highway administrators.*

Next Meeting

July 9, 2022, at 9:00 AM, at Worcester Preparatory School.

Motion to adjourn was made at 10:20 a.m. and was passed unanimously.

Recorded by Xanthe Lewis