

The 24th Annual Meeting Report

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Edgewater Estates Property Owners Association, Inc. was held Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Lewes Senior Center on Nassau Park Road in Lewes DE.

The meeting was called to order by President Bernard Fiegel at 10:15am. Board Members in attendance were: Dean Dey, Nancy Tartaglione, Dave Schiff, Barbara Mudryk, and Pat Lawson. Architectural Review Committee Chair John Otroba was present. Also in attendance was Mary Jarrell, member-at-large.

Residents in attendance: (25) with (6) Board Members, (1) Committee Chair, and (1) member-at-large, bringing the total to (33). The resident participation at the meeting was an increase of 12 people from the previous year.

President and Committee Reports

President - The president welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the directors along with the committee chairs.

Barbara Vaughn and Carol Wzorek from The Greater Lewes Community Village gave a short presentation and then answered follow-up questions from the audience. The Village is a volunteer-driven, non-profit organization which provides support and services that make it possible for members to live independently and safely in their homes as they age.

President's Report: Work done on the boat ramp this year was to freshen it and to make it safer. Adding gravel, widening the entrance, putting in landscaping, and purchasing a new lock were included.

Complaints about dogs and cats not being controlled are still being received. A reminder was given to all residents to obey rules and be considerate which is always included in the RIPRAP.

Speeding still remains an issue, especially on Edgewater and Edgewood.

A reminder was given to all property owners to maintain the upkeep of their property. An article on this topic was in the RIPRAP.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review- John Otroba, Chair. No new houses are under construction at this time. The only approvals were for additions, fences, and sheds in the past year.

Grounds and Buildings- Dave Schiff, Chair. This information was included in the president's report.

Yard Sale - Barbara Mudryk, chair. Last year some of the back streets did not have much traffic, so possibly next year there could be a map of houses participating. Dates for 2015 are Saturday, May 2nd with a rain date of May 3rd.

Snow Removal - Barbara Mudryk, chair. The snow removal contractors did a good job last winter, and the eligibility forms for reimbursement were sent to the state. Reimbursement from the state for a percentage of the removal costs was received.

Web Site -Nancy Tartaglione. The site includes the by-laws, covenants, and minutes from meetings. The latest editions of the RIPRAP are also here. Nancy's email address is posted on the site for residents to utilize when necessary. There are now links to relevant associations for residents.

Directory - Pat Lawson, Chair. The directory is updated when necessary.

Resident Emergency Ride Program - Pat Lawson, Chair. This year ten residents have availed themselves of this service which is for medical requests only.

Neighborhood Watch - David and Margie Schiff, Co-Chairs. Dave thanked everyone for their help. Solicitors coming into the neighborhood have decreased thanks to new signs and watch patrols. However, one sign was stolen and had to be replaced. A parents group handled some minor vandalism which had occurred. Doorbell ringing has occurred, and the advice is to leave porch lights on if it happens.

RIPRAP - Bernie and Dolores Fiegel. The newsletter is put out 2-3 times a year. Anyone who has any information they would like to have included should contact the Fiegels.

Treasurer's Report - Pat Lawson presented the report for fiscal year October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014. The Cash Reconciliation Review was conducted by John McNemar. Proposed budget for October 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, was submitted and approved. A new Community Support category, which allots small donations to local organizations, was explained.

New Business - A resident asked if we knew which houses are rentals. Presently it is not recorded; however, an updated computer program which is being worked on will include this.

Mary Jarrell reported that the one foreclosure house in the development has been refurbished and is now on the market.

Questions and Comments - A resident expressed his dissatisfaction with dogs being on too long of a leash which allowed them to go into neighbors' yards. They should be on shorter leashes.

The same resident complained that children were fishing on private property. He was advised to ask them to leave.

Another resident mentioned that everyone should slow down as there are many more children in the development, especially at the bus stops at the entrances.

A question about liability when children are using private driveways was answered that they should be told they are not allowed there.

Nominations for Directors

Bernard Fiegel and Dean Dey were elected Directors for new 3 year terms.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am. Next Annual Meeting-Saturday, October 17, 2015.

