

## **Gold Ridge Forest POA May 28, 2015 BOD Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by President, Carol Steinbrecher at 6:00pm. Directors present: Carol Steinbrecher, Dianna Feuerhelm, Jim Smith, Judi Brady will be arriving later.

We as a board welcome your comments, please keep it brief and if there is a subject you want to talk about that is not on the agenda, please fill out the speakers form and bring it to the table on the break, you have a 3 minute time limit, or put on as an agenda item for following meeting.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes Approval**

Dianna Feuerhelm-motion to approve meeting minutes from April 23; second-Smith, all in favor: aye, motion passes.

### **President's Report**

Carol Steinbrecher-we have received some requests for candidacy, we had not received enough letters for candidates for the BOD election, we have to decide on extending the time limit, and would like to entertain a motion we extend the deadline until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dianna Feuerhelm-motion to extend the timeframe for receiving applications for candidates for the board election until June 1<sup>st</sup>, second-Smith,  
Q-how many letters received?

Dianna- At the cut off we had only received two letters, and 3 positions are open, so we need to extend the deadline, all in favor: Smith-aye, Feuerhelm, aye, all in favor, motion passed.

Carol-This year we are doing something different, we have put together a candidate's questionnaire and found 8 questions to ask candidates. We will send it to all candidates, ask for brief answers and publish in packet to go to members. On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm we will have a Candidates Forum to meet and ask questions of candidates.

### **Internet Connectivity**

Carol Steinbrecher-Many members at the pool have asked for the new GRF wireless password. I was here on a Saturday on the office computer and realized there were 12 people on the wireless router. Comcast advised we update our router, change password and withhold the password for security reasons. If you do have Xfinity, you can access the internet via a hotspot with your account access that does not affect the association. People were sitting in the parking lot watching Netflix.

The Architecture Committee is planning to meet with the Policy Committee which is now the CC&R Committee and will look at the architecture guidelines and pull them out to make clearer. They will also look at the CC&R's; my goal with the new board is to review for updating the CC&R's. Please sign up for the committees; we need more participation from the community. Discussion of hiring attorneys to review for updates.

### **Finance Report**

Dianna Feuerhelm-see print outs of budget vs. actual reports, we are on track with the budget.

We are looking at cost saving measures for the pool to be discussed under the Recreation Report. Outside Pool Services was greatly reduced by our Pool Manager. We will have a Finance Committee meeting in June.

### **CC&R**

Judi Brady-I have cleared quite a few, there are some ongoing issues that we are working with the member on bringing property into compliance. With warmer weather come the complaints about dog barking with more windows open. We are encouraging neighbors to talk to each other.

### **Activity Approvals**

May- 2 approvals for tree removals, 0-greenbelt tree removal, 1 pending wood request, 4 architecture applications, 2 CC&R violations, and 1 extension request for a retaining wall.

### **Greenbelt**

Jim Smith-I am waiting for Eric Hill from Hilltop to schedule the next sections of work to be done. We are trying to get a work party together to trim tall grass beside the roads on Gold Ridge and all the roads. We want to get some weed eaters and lawn mowers to get all the weeds cut down so when cigarette butts thrown out windows won't start fires.

Carol-part of the greenbelt management we have purchased a new map to track work done, it is also now on the website under the tab for inside Gold Ridge.

Judi Brady-Something that was brought to my attention, there is a law on the books called the Paul Buzzo Act, if anyone is seen throwing a cigarette butt out the window of a car, all you have to do is write down the license plate and call Highway Patrol, it is a misdemeanor and they can be cited for it.

Discussion of speed limit increases on Gold Ridge.

### **Recreation**

Carol St.-It seems like every Memorial Day it rains or snows, we did open on Sunday and Monday from 12-5, we are now keeping track on an hourly basis how many people are at the pool each hour and tracking the temperature and the water temperature. We are looking at the pool hours and will be looking at sunset when it gets to be August and closing the pool earlier in the evening when it gets dark earlier in order to decrease the staff salary. We will be collecting data for the pool use and looking at making changes for next year.

### **Clean Up Day**

On the May 9<sup>th</sup> GRF Clean Up Day we had 5 other individuals besides Steve and I, Julie and Tom Miller, Dan & Helena Christopherson, Joanna Smith, Jim Ladowski, Dianna Feuerhelm and her kids and Jeff Beers. We cleaned up the recreation area, and put out all the pool furniture and we saved money on recreation salaries by doing so. At 6:30am there were 5 of that came with trucks and hauled away trash and unwanted items. Thank you to CEDAPP for the Annual Clean Up Day and the free trash removal. I will continue to get community involvement to better our community. We went to an area in the greenbelt where kids are partying and hauled out 5 trash bags of bottles and cans and trash.

### **Green Waste Dumpster**

Funding is still on hold at the moment, I called El Dorado Disposal, and beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup> you can have up to 2 green waste cans at your residence for free.

### **Preparedness Day**

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, due to the fire last year, the Recreation and Communication Committee put together this Preparedness Day. It is presented by the Fire Safe Council, Search and Rescue, Pollock Pines CERT, (Community Emergency Response Team), ARES, Amateur Radio Emergency Services, SARS, from the Sheriff's Department and the Pollock Pines Community Center. They have all agreed to come here and set up a table to talk to all members. From 9-12:30.

Presentations, fire safety, resources from community, for kids & adults, Hug-a-Tree.

In addition to the Annual Meeting, afterward we will have an Annual BBQ. GRF will provide lemonade, paper plates and utensils, and briquettes for hotdogs and fixings. We are asking everybody to bring their favorite side dish.

Ten minute break

### **Reconvene**

Please sign up to help with the Preparedness Day

One item from Old Business from last month's meeting, I was asked to follow up on pricing for individual email addresses from Go Daddy; the cost for one year is \$45.00. I would like to entertain a motion to add the additional email address for the president other than the office email.

Dianna Feuerhelm-motion to add one additional email address set up for \$45 per year for the president, second-Brady, all in favor: Feuerhelm-aye, Brady-aye, Smith-aye, motion passes.

### **New Business**

Ethics Policy for GRF Directors- Carol Steinbrecher-I have asked all board members to take a look at it and I would like to entertain a motion to adopt an ethics policy for the board of directors, talks about responsible, professional conduct, we deal with confidential information, accuracy, dealing with employees.; when conflicts arise; ideas how to handle them and conduct business.

Carol- will research if legal advice is required.

### **Water Saving Measures for GRF**

Dianna Feuerhelm-Due to severe drought, we are looking at saving water any way possible. We have cut back on usage at recreation area; we have discussed putting in shower timers at the pool.

There has been discussion of members using pool showers for daily showers, we want to curtail this. The water automatically shuts off after so long and a 10 minute wait period before can turn on again. A shower manager for all showers is \$544.00 and low flow shower heads. We are asking staff to closely monitor them.

Statistic presented by Steve Steinbrecher, by showering before entering the pool, it reduces the chance of passing on germs by 65%. Discussion of options, table vote to next meeting.

Carol S.-Starting the first two weeks in August I would like to close the pool at 7:30 when sunset changes to 7:43, and from August 17 to the end of August close at 7:00pm.

We have changed the responsibilities for the pool staff from pool attendant to recreation staff and added other job duties such as grounds work, painting, and clean up. Last year we had complaints about pool staff reading books and on cell phones, and we are keeping the employees busy.

### **Dosing Pumps Proposal**

Carol S.-Jeff Beers, our Pool Manager/Grounds person has given us a proposal for a dosing pump that will automatically inject liquid chlorine into the pool. It allows chemicals to be added without requiring swimmers get out of the pool, and it provides a safer way to add chemicals. The amount of acid does not change; the real savings is by using liquid chlorine versus the tablets. We use approx. a 5 gallon bucket of tabs per week, at a cost of \$155.00. The annual cost is \$3,100. The liquid gallons will last for more, the cost on that is \$50.00. The annual savings with the dosing pumps will be \$1900. The cost to add the pumps is \$622.00, with plumbing and electrical parts needed adding another \$150.00. The savings is significant. We did get 3 quotes; this is the least expensive of the three.

Discussion of alternate options.

Judi Brady-motion to go forward with the purchase of dosing pumps for more cost effective chemical usage, second-Feuerhelm, all in favor: Smith-aye, Brady-aye, Feuerhelm-aye, motion passes.

### **Speaker Request Form-**

MaryEllen Comerford-I have lived here 23 years. When my husband first came he thought there would be greenbelt clearing on a regular basis every so many years. This year is the first year we have really seen this happen. We would like to see a plan for greenbelt clearing on a regular basis.

Jim Smith-That is what we are trying to do right now. We have a lot of acreage and we only have so much money so we are trying to do all the street sides first at least up to 100 feet on the larger areas. As long as I have been on the board we have gotten a lot done.

Steve Steinbrecher, Greenbelt Committee-We are looking at documented areas done since 2005-2006.

The problem grows so rapidly, it needs to be redone, it is steep and the cost of a masticator is too expensive.

Jim Smith-The Fire Safe Council is clearing near Webber Creek for a fire break.

Judi Brady-Finances are an issue. Karen applies for grants every year but we are competing with the entire state for funding.

Dues increases to pay for more greenbelt clearing has been suggested, more increases has been not been supported.

An area on Hazel needs attention.

Jeanne Harper-Cal Fire stopping all burning after June 1<sup>st</sup>

CEDAPP Meeting will be this coming Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be showing the soon to be mural that will be on Pony Express Trail at the old Pollock Pines School as well as the new Welcome to Pollock Pines sign near highway 50.

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting at 6:00 regarding Pollock Pines Park at old senior building where the baseball field is off Forebay. Snowline has been managing the baseball field.

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> The Wagon Train stops at CVS.

Please sign the volunteer sheet to join a committee and help with Preparedness Day

Judi Brady-motion to adjourn the meeting 7:36pm, second-Smith, all in favor.