

Minutes for the MVFCA meeting 8 September 2008

Present were

Bill Norris, Andy Abendschein, Bob Reed, Joan Blossom, Anne Shelton, Candice McCarthy, Mike Stember

Absent was

Greg Dyer

1. Property Manager's Report

1. The budget is tracking overall as expected.
2. Johnson Paving was to have done repairs to our paving on the 29th of August. Obviously that didn't happen. Messages have been left with them, but no response has been forthcoming.
3. Fence materials were removed from outside 1774 Meadow Vale Rd, and CoCal mowed the back portion of that lot.
4. CoCal removed the dead Russian Olive tree behind 1990 Meadow Vale Rd. and some small trees on the traffic island at the south side of the neighborhood.
5. Anne has suggested that we discuss installation of an evergreen sound barrier along hwy 119. Some more research will be done on this topic.
6. A letter regarding landscape care issues was sent to homeowners with this month's invoice.

2. Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report this month.

3. Architectural / Landscape Committee

1. The Norris' (1872 Blue Mountain Rd.) request for minor improvements (a line of trees south of existing buildings) as part of the original approval. This request was approved
2. The Hulbert's (2138 Blue Mountain Rd.) want to remove 7 shrubs along their driveway, leaving 2 east of the patio door. This request was approved.
3. The Fredrickson's (1993 Meadow Vale Rd.) want to rework the back pasture in their yard to add a number of bushes and small trees. This request was approved.
4. Troy Kristi Kemp (1842 Meadow Vale Rd.) would like to make some landscaping changes. This request was approved.

4. Public Relations / Welcoming Committee

The fall festival was held on Saturday, the 6th of September. Total expenses were only \$750.47 (Please see the report following these notes). Thanks to all who worked on the planning committee!

5. Irrigation

A number of irrigation concerns were discussed.

1. Dynamic pump house logs are now available on the MVFHOA website. The timestamp on the records still needs to be converted to local time. We have had some reliability issues regarding wireless communications between the pumphouse data acquisition computer and the Internet. The answer to improve reliability is probably to replace our WiFi link with more powerful data radios. This option will be explored further.
2. More work will be done during the off-season to turn the irrigation data into information. This probably involves automatically generating plots from the log data, which is currently available in a csv file format.
3. The order for the new flow meter was 'lost in the mail'
4. The control box for sprinklers between 2138 Blue Mountain Rd. and 2031 Meadow Vale Rd. was finally found. Apparently it was not in operational order, but has since been fixed. The sprinklers are now operating again.
5. We had a system failure in the middle of August. The pumps were down for ~2 hours. There may have been occasions during this general period (15-17 August) when demand was so low that even the VFD shutdown, with only the jockey pump left running. This is an unusual event. The cause hasn't been identified, but the system was restored by cycling the power on the controller. It may have shutdown due to a lack of demand.
6. We have had a significant increase in overall demand this year. In fact, demand has risen significantly over the last several years. If a single pump were to fail, we would not be able to supply demand 60% of the time. We have come very near maximum capacity on a number of occasions. Therefore, it may be time to start a discussion about adding a fourth pump to the pumphouse. Metron has submitted a bid for a fourth pump with an energy efficient motor.

6. Old business

6. (already covered under property manager's report)

7. New Business

1. The Elms sprayed for various insect pests recently. This was a preventative operation and will not cause migration of insects.
2. A sprinkler head was inadvertently broken when CoCal mowed the front yard of 1774 Meadow Vale Rd. They did not charge for mowing the front yard, or to repair the sprinkler head.
3. The chain link fence and white vinyl fence at the Marriot's house is not in compliance with the neighborhood, and it appears that it was never approved. It will be removed when the house is sold.
4. What can be done with the school district parcel of land situated between the north entrance of MVF and the Elms; between the east loop of MVR and WCR5.5? There was some discussion about this land. It is ~10 acres in size, and has been reserved for the construction of an elementary school. If the school district does not use the land, it will be deeded to Habitat for Humanity. The

school district would like to keep their option on the land for 10-15 yrs, but would like to allow the surrounding neighborhoods use of the property.

Liability insurance would be negligible. Are the surrounding communities interested in making use of the land for a park? Sports fields, etc? It was decided that before we could express any interest/opinion, we would need some commitment from the school district regarding how long they would allow us to use the land (~15 yrs?).

Fall Festival report from Joyce Norris

Saturday, September 6th

First and foremost, a special thanks to the Fall Festival Committee:

Candace McCarthy, Barb Feaster, Kathleen Hill, EeWah Koh, Carrie Shellenberger, Joan Blossom, and myself.

Without the teamwork of this committee, the Fall Festival would not happen.

Many of our homeowners brought their canopies, tables, and chairs. This helps keep the expenses down. Thank you to all who helped with setup and take down.

Our attendance was a little smaller this year, partly due to children's sports. We had 24 families; not sure of exact number of individuals. Everyone said they had a great time!

We had the same jump castle with a slide this year. The kids seemed to enjoy it greatly. EeWah set up an ice cream stand for the kids, which was a big hit, even with some adults.

Kathleen Hill and Candace McCarthy had face painting and temporary tattoos set up. Some of our great teenagers helped with these.

Barb Feaster set up a "scavenger hunt" for the teenagers.

Darren Lasko set up his volleyball court. This has always drawn participants.

We only had four entries on our pie bake-off.

3rd place was a blueberry pie baked by Mark faivre

2nd place was a pecan pie baked by Tammy Lamb

1st place was an apple crumb pie baked by Barb Feaster

Grand Prize was a decadent chocolate pie baked by Kathleen Hill

Judges were Darren Lasko, Jane Ewer, Rianne Hill, and her friend.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place were provided by Joyce Norris, Pampered Chef Coinsultant. The Grand Prize was provided by Anne Shelton.

“Old Engine 3” is a 1950 American LaFrance 700 series with a 750 gallon per minute pump, and is all in working order. It was repowered to a 318 two cycle Detroit Diesel engine in 1979. It was retired by the City of Longmont in 1984. It was rescued by some members of Mile High Hook & Ladder Antique Fire Truck Club, and is now owned by Rusty LeNeve and family. Engine 3 was Rusty's first assignment as a paid firefighter for the City of Longmont, and served most of the first 10 years on Engine3. He has beautifully and caringly restored this old engine. Rusty treated everyone with a ride around our community with lights, sirens, and dignity.

Once again we had a hay ride. The hay, trailer, and tractor were supplied by the Olivers and Buzz Goldman. Many thanks from all attendees. Carrie did a great job driving!!

The Fall Festival is a very important activity for this community. It is the one time that we get this volume of participation from our neighbors. I believe everyone who attended will attest to this. With the lower attendance this year, perhaps we should think about a different time of year, i.e.: “Spring Fling”, or “Summer Solstice”. This is just a personal suggestion. No matter when we hold it, there will always be conflicts with the kid's involvement in school and sports. Some people commented they liked having it in October. [secretary's note: or perhaps it could be held on Sunday afternoon rather than Saturday?]

This is the last year I will chair this function. I would love to see some more participation from others in the community. I have been personally involved for eight years and I'll continue to be involved in a smaller way.

A special thanks to the Board of Directors for their continuing support.

Joyce Norris
Fall Festival Chairperson

These minutes were recorded by Andy Abendschein, Secretary.