

# DEVON VALLEY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MEMO

MAY 2019

The board met on May 20.

April minutes were approved.

Financials through April were reviewed.

The board elected officers ; Rob Crosby Hoar - President, Justin Baker - Vice President, Sandy Williamson - Secretary, Harry Perret - Treasurer.

A motion was passed to add wording to our retention pond sign stating "Fishing for Residents Only - at own Risk", in order to discourage non-residents from fishing, and to protect our HOA from legal action resulting from persons who might fall into the pond, or injure themselves on our property. There is already wording stating "no wading or swimming", and "no trespassing".

Recently we have had some non-residents fishing in the pond, two of whom were verbally abusive to a board member who asked them to leave. I believe board members and all members of our community would welcome guests of residents to fish while in the company of residents, but the board feels that wording should be posted that gives all community members the right to call the police if we have trespassers on our property. Please accompany your guests who want to fish.

The board discussed a request by a homeowner to have a tree leaning near their property line removed. Dave Howard, our I.T. / Security person, produced a plat showing us the dimensions of the property in question, so that we can determine whether or not the tree is on common ground, or within the home-owner's property line.

Recently a dead tree being held up by vines over a resident's home was removed, and another tree directly behind a home had dead limbs removed. Both trees were / are in common area. Residents are reminded to let the board and Synergy know if trees near homes appear to be a threat.

Work to correct drainage in the common area at Devon Valley and Glenway has been completed. Work to improve drainage berms will also begin soon. There are some areas where berms have filled in from erosion and need to be deepened. The board, with Synergy, is also addressing problems with several headwall drains.

The board approved adding a detailed explanation for the \$7.00 increase in monthly fees to the financial page of the Devon Hills website. The increase will begin on July 1. In general, the increase was deemed necessary because of our roughly \$12,000 pond pump replacement, berm and drainage work, higher-than-normal tree removal costs, and our new security camera system. All of this was discussed in detail at our annual meeting for all residents in March.

Thanks to neighbors Chris Craig, Dave Howard and Eric Robinson for volunteering to manage waste stations. We also thank Bonnie Smith for sweeping, cleaning, and picking up trash around the Devon Valley entranceway.

The board will meet next on June 26.

— Rob Crosby Hoar - president