

**AMBERFIELD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2019**

Present: David, Michael, Gaston, Margarita and Henry from Abaris.

- Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Motion made to approve April 18, 2019 minutes. **Board approved.**
- **Board approved** for FSC to trim the tree and remove the rope hanging from the tree located next to 209 Twisted Stalk Drive.
- Feedback received from City of Gaithersburg in response to 307 Fleece Flower Drive of tree located in common alleyway behind homes which is large and forcing single file passage. FSC estimated it would cost \$3,500 to remove the tree. City of Gaithersburg stated, "at this time the city would not require the tree to be removed". Board directed Abaris to notify owner with City's response. Additionally, Board directed Abaris to consult with an Arborist to check the trees in the community that are posing hazards or safety issues including tree mentioned above and provide an estimate for removal.
- Owner of 101 Fleece Flower Drive requested tree next to her home be trimmed as the branches are brushing up against the siding. FSC estimated \$150.00 for trimming. Motion made and **Board approved** the work.
- Board received proposal from FSC for landscape work around the community as discussed during the Spring Walk around. Motion made and **Board approved all the quotations except for Quotation #Q190429.002, 315 Amberfield Lane Left Side Amend soil, Install 5 Limelight Hydrangea, Install 7 Gold Lace Juniper (Total \$825.00). Board needs clarification from FSC as to the exact area being discussed. Board looked at aerial photo but could not ascertain bare spot.**
- Abaris instructed to check with FSC for an estimate to remove the brambles and thickets behind the townhomes of 234 Lazy Hollow Drive.
- Abaris to notify FSC to check 175 Lazy Hollow Drive's request of an overgrown tree or bush hanging over her fence. Owner requesting this vegetation be cut down.

- Abaris to remind FSC to cut back all the bushes on common ground twice a year as stipulated in their contract. This includes bushes located behind home fences considered common ground.
- Received complaint from owner of 225 Lazy Hollow Drive that the dividing privacy fence was damaged during the retaining wall replacement. FSC provided an estimate lower than Olmos to repair fence. However, Board decided to table this until a discussion is held with the engineer as to the process of repairing and recouping funds for this project is confirmed.
- Board reviewed email correspondence from 175 Lazy Hollow Drive regarding the use of pesticide applications in the community. In previous meetings, Board had requested FSC to use an alternative method of pest control. FSC indicated Finalsan is being used which had replaced the pesticide used before. FSC is now looking for organic products to be utilized in accordance with the new local and state authority to ban pesticides in the county.
- Board reviewed email between Engineer and owner of 305 Leafcup Road regarding the retaining wall improvement complaint behind her backyard. She wanted the entire area behind all the fences to be filled in. The Engineer noted the elevations are substantially the same. This is clear from the location/height of the cable boxes. Contractor did return to perform aeration and addition of soil behind her fence as promised. However, the Engineer did not think it reasonable to expect the contractor to bring in a dump truck of soil and recontour the entire back area at no charge. Engineer was unable to accommodate the request for re-grading the entire area. **Board agreed** with the Engineer's findings. Informed Abaris to re-iterate Engineer's findings to owner.
- Following the inspection of the retaining walls with the engineer last week, Board discussion requested as to release of final payments to CSG and Olmos Brothers. Board reviewed final estimates. David had questions regarding final payment costs. His figures didn't match their figures. Abaris to contact Engineer and Olmos to discuss how their figures were assessed.
- Board adjourned at 8:27 p.m.