

# Aspen Shores HOA

## Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2023

Board Meeting on April 8, 2023 @ 5:15pm at the home of Kim Rose

Call to Order: 5:15pm

### **In Attendance:**

Board: Kim Rose (President), Doug Fraser (Vice President), Idy Huth (Treasurer), Leslie Bigos (Secretary), Scott Bailey (At Large)

Members: Howard DeLong, Sue Baker, Maureen Jones

### **Open Forum:**

#### **Member: Maureen Jones**

The Board welcomed new member.

#### **Member: Howard DeLong**

Howard has retired from his years of spraying at Aspen Shores and shared with the board his knowledge of the job and provided some recommendations.

- Spraying - weeds germinate at different times, affected by the weather. Spraying must be ongoing but start early in the season.
- Observation: someone that lives here is the best option to replace Howard.
- Goat heads and knapweed are a problem - have to hit them early because they colonize.
- Sprayed area has to be wet with spray.
- Knapweed requires spraying the first week that comes up in spring. Howard usually sprayed for that in March and early April. Requires a lot of spray to kill.
- Timing is key, doubling back is necessary.
- Howard is willing to train new person.

#### **Member: Sue Baker**

Sue shared with the Board the work that past landscape committees did and asked that future work be built on the framework and research of past work.

## **Landscaping:**

Kim's remarks: "Community is aging, volunteerism is slim. We have a few volunteers that help a lot but we don't want to over tax them." The Board recognized Dan Bigos, Larry Morgan and Doug Fraser for their ongoing volunteerism.

The Board needs to hire someone to do maintenance work in order to bridge the gap of volunteerism and what Howard DeLong did in the past.

The Board has interviewed Cole Scott, grandson of Martin Scott (Winery), who has a new company and has grown up in the Orchard business and is familiar with weed suppression & irrigation.

The Board reviewed landscaping/maintenance costs for the past five years for the park, tree spraying, tree pruning, winterization and landscaping. The Treasurer presented information regarding available monies to hire work being done.

In reviewing past costs and current budget, the Treasurer determined we have approximately \$6500 for landscaping/maintenance costs and improvements.

Cole's Bid: I'm proposing to spray the weeds to kill them, then cutting and removing them after the herbicide does its job. I'll follow this with further weed spraying every 2 weeks or as necessary. The total cost will be no more than \$240.00 per session. After the initial clean up, I believe I will be faster and the cost will drop accordingly. HOA to pay for weed killer.

Motion: Hire Cole Scott for weed treatment based on his bid. Aye: 5 Nay: 0

## **Financial:**

Dues invoices going out June 30. Dues are \$375/household with septic and \$225 without septic.

Dues are due July 30.

Adjourn 6:01