# **HOMEOWNERS AT LAUREL PARK EC MEETING, 7/24/17**

Homeowners of Laurel Park Executive Committee	
<b>Date/location:</b>	
In Attendance:	Kris Severy, Tryna Hope, Wendy Kane, Kathy Murri, Thom Herman, Shivani Kleinerman Absent: Elizabeth Nett and Mike Pancione
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	8/21/17

# **MINUTES:**

## 1. NEW BUSINESS FROM HOMEOWNERS:

\* Kristine/Investments, Easthampton Savings Bank Financial Services:

Presentation by

Kristine on history of LP investment portfolio (established in 2004) for reserves. LP is in fund that

has no active trading and lowest risk tolerance. Dividends have not been re-invested but sitting in

account. Explanations on other investment options presented. EC VOTED to reinvesting

income that have accrued in the account as well as future dividend income

and to move the

LP account to the second tier level (bonds and stocks). Risk is a little bit

higher. Currently,

there is \$78,383.94 in the fund as of 7/21/2017. Annualized return since

inception is 4.07%.

There is a cost to having a managed account (which is typical) and it will be

reviewed

annually in relation to profits.

\* #111(oil tank removal): Buried oil tank at #111 which was there when current owners bought

in 2016. Discussion held on whether it needs to be removed (who requires

and who is

responsible as well as legal opinion that a tank for a single-family house

does not have to be

removed). The regs are very complicated and testing indicated there is a a

tiny amount of

standing water in the tank. Decided that Kris S will give the home owners

a copy of the letter

from LP's lawyer with the legal opinion that oil tanks for single family

houses do not need

to be removed and put it in the #111 file in the office, provided the

homeowners submit

evidence of being asked for the tank to be removed.

\* # 24 and #48 (status of renovations): Homeowner of both wanted to give EC an update on plans.

They have not hired a contractor yet so no permissions from town have been sought. Homeowners

live out of state but plan to move back to LP in the future. #48 will be torn down except for

salvageable parts of structure. Homeowners will keep EC in the loop as plans advance.

\* #13 (problems having grass consistently mowed by HALP): There are three places at LP that

need to be hand mowed (#13, behind J. Pell and #41 (big back section). Specific issues with #13

presented. Issues re: other two properties reviewed. We have been and are making continual

efforts to resolve. Decision to have Wendy, Property Chair, meet with Mike P., Kris and company

mowing to resolve.

\* #35 (hot water heater and heat system): Discussed. Owner told that EC will need a copy of the permit and insurance binder for whomever will be doing the work.

# 2. PROPERTY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- \* Budget Report: Reviewed.
  - \* Condo Fees in Arrears: Reviewed.
  - \* Infrastructure Update: Reviewed list of walk around from 7/23/17 by

property

committee members. Wendy and Mike P will discuss.

\* Gravel (status on getting permeable type Mike wants; homeowner

wants it

on Northampton Lot and #112, and Lots on Simpson):

Tabled until next meeting when Mike P will be back.

#### 3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

\* **Orientations:** Tryna reported that she oriented new owners of #73.

\* Property Chair: Wendy Kane, Property Chair, sat in for Mike

Pancione during the

discussion above under Property Manager's Report so her information

was included

in #2 above.

## 4. APPROVAL OF EC MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

\* Reviewed and approved with corrections.

5. SCHEDULING OF NEXT EC MEETING: Done: 8/21/17 at 6:15 pm

## 6. OLD EC BUSINESS:

\* Dining Hall Kitchen/ Replacement of Wood Floors (need to discuss

need, quotes):

Getting a second quote from a "green company."

\* Children's Swings (should wood chips be put underneath for safety;

liability issues):

LP's insurance company contacted and said that there is no liability to

putting wood chips

for cushioning under the swings.

\* FHA/VA Certification (Status; Kathy and Kris helping to

facilitate): Discussed. The new

\$250,000 bond as required by FHA has been acquired. Kathy M. is

pursuing both FHA and

VA certification for entire "park" via another company (now that no

longer available through

Applied Mortgage). It is anticipated that this can be accomplished on or

before

the annual meeting on 10/21. Cost will be \$850/per year with smaller

renewal

fee after two years for FHA and no renewal cost for VA.

\* #94 (status on foreclosure and building outside of footprint; legal

process, etc):

Discussed as well as summary letter that Kris S wrote following

meeting with lawyers.

Property has not been foreclosed on. LP continues to pursue getting

money owed (fines,

past condo fees, etc).

\* EC Stipend Increases: History of stipends discussed. VOTED to

cancel

special meeting

stipend increases and refer to annual meeting. Thus, there will not be a to discuss the issue (as requested by a small group of LP homeowners).

- 7. NEW EC BUSINESS:
  - \* None
- 8. EXECUTIVE SESSION(S):
  - \* None

# **Questions?**

These minutes are composed with brevity in mind. If you have questions regarding any of the issues set forth here, please email us at laurelparkec@gmail.com. Thank you!