
Milburn Fields Annual Meeting

April 5, 2018

Milburn Fields annual meeting for 2018 was held on Thursday, April 5. We gathered at 6:30 at the Assembly of God Church for registration and time to visit. Keith Pullin manned the registration desk and handed out the ballots for our election of board members. We had about 75 members attend the meeting with 44 voting members as only one person per household is eligible to vote. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Vice President Janelle Pullin. Other board members who were present were Karen Clark, Catalina Velarde, Doug Lay, Alex Payne, and Jan Schwert. Each of the board members gave a brief introduction of him/herself. Janelle announced that this board meeting would be her last meeting as a board member as she was stepping down due to health reasons. Our president, Jane Doerflinger, has also resigned her position due to health reasons.

- Review of 2017 annual meeting minutes
 - Secretary Jan Schwert presented the minutes from our 2017 annual meeting. We gave the attendees several minutes to review the copy of the minutes which was handed out at registration. The minutes were accepted as presented.
- Review and approval of 2017 Year End Treasurer's Report and 2018 Budget
 - Treasurer Karen Clark presented the treasurer's report for 2017 and the budget for 2018. Lois Elliott moved and Annehara Tatschl 2nded the motion to accept the report and the budget.
- Review of HOA dues
 - Our base dues have been \$6.00 per year since the beginning of this housing association almost 50 years ago. The board proposed that we raise our base dues from \$6.00 to \$12.00 per year to help cover the rising costs. We have expenses today that we did not have when the dues were first set. Postage has increased for our mailings, supply costs and printing costs have increased for printing and sending communications, we now have an additional expense to update computer software. We still have 49 neighbors for whom we do not have an email address, so we have to mail communications to these households. Some of these people do not have access to a computer so we will have to continue mailing communications for the foreseeable future. After brief discussion Meg O'Mara moved and River Tempelin 2nded that we increase our base dues to \$12.00 per year. The motion was passed 43-0.
- Survey results
 - Doug Lay sent out a survey in January using Survey Monkey to get feedback from the neighbors on their thoughts about our neighborhood, how long they have lived here, how long they plan to stay, activities they would like to see, and what changes they would like to see. We had a 57% response. Doug presented the results of that survey.
- Social media updates

- Doug and Alex Payne went over the various media we use to communicate with our neighbors.
 - Survey Monkey – we use this tool for surveys
 - Mail Chimp – we email our monthly newsletters to residents through mail chimp
 - Facebook – our Facebook page is private, which means that you have to be invited to be a part of it. We post events from the neighborhood and from OP on Facebook. Neighbors have posted inquiries regarding missing pets and recommendations for repair services.
 - NextDoor is another web site where neighbors can post items of interest for a neighborhood. Again you have to be invited to join. You can contact Doug or Alex if you are interested in joining either Facebook or Nextdoor.
 - G-mail – we also have a gmail account where people can contact us. The email address is milburnfieldsjoco@gmail.com.
 - All of these platforms are listed on our website – milburnfieldsop.com .
- Election of board members
 - With the resignation of Jane and Janelle prior to the annual meeting and with the resignations earlier in the year of 3 other board members, we had 7 board positions to fill at this meeting. The board had appointed 3 people to serve in place of the 3 board members who resigned earlier in the year.
 - Doug Lay and Alex Payne were appointed to fill the terms of board members expiring in 2019, so they will serve for one year if elected by the attendees this year.
 - Catalina Velarde was appointed to fill the term of a board member who would have been up for re-election this year. So if elected to the board she will serve a 2-year term.
 - Karen Clark and Jan Schwert were up for re-election for a 2-year term.
 - Mindi Rash asked to have her name put on the ballot for a one-year term.
 - We asked for nominations from the floor for the final position. Julie Dersham nominated River Tempelin
 - All of the above mentioned were elected to the board.
- Events for coming year
 - We are planning a neighborhood garage sale the weekend of September 20-22nd. Anyone in the neighborhood who would like to participate will host his own sale, but the HOA will provide advertising for the event.
 - Neighborhood Night Out – this is planned for the evening of August 7th. This is a national event and (description from the internet) “is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods better place to live”. More to come on this event. Watch our social media sites for details of time and location. In the past we have done it in the evening and provided beverages and light snacks.
 - Block parties and get-togethers. We encourage anyone in the neighborhood to host a get-together for their immediate area or for the wider neighborhood. The board has discussed hosting one for the entire neighborhood, but we currently have no firm plans.
- City Forester Bailey Patterson

- Bailey Patterson gave a talk on what the city of OP is doing regarding the ash tree borer crisis.
 - The city will remove any tree within 16 feet of the street if it is dead or diseased.
 - The homeowner then has the option of the city replacing that tree with one of the trees on their approved list.
 - Currently the city is about 6-months out from the time that a tree is reported until the city will remove it. They will remove any tree that is considered a danger to property more quickly.
 - Bailey talked about the importance of diversity in the kinds of trees that are planted and explained why the city will not plant some common varieties of trees. They may already be too saturated or they may not be a good match for our climate, soil types, and/or weather phenomenon. She provided us with information regarding the types of trees in our neighborhood and a list of the trees that the city will and will not plant.
 - She also gave us some resources that we can contact if we have questions about gardening in OP. This includes the K-State Extension office and the County Extension office.
- City Council member
 - Our city council member, Logan Healy, came to speak to us regarding things going on in the city and in our neighborhood. He gave us a brief introduction of who he is and how long he has lived in OP.
 - The city council meetings are now live-streamed for anyone to watch them live. After the meeting is over, one can go to the city web-site and watch portions of the meetings that are of specific interest.
 - Logan also addressed some questions from the audience
 - Marty pool will be open for another 4 years. There are plans to expand the fire station on 75th St. At that time the plan is to take the pool out, giving more room for that project. There will probably be a small park established in place of the pool. The city is moving toward creating larger area-wide pools in place of the smaller neighborhood pools.
 - Someone asked about repaving our streets. We are scheduled for a chip-seal project in 2019.
 - A few neighbors are concerned about the lack of lighting in the neighborhood. The city has requirements that lights be spaced at standard distances and our neighborhood meets those standards. We can contact the city if we have concerns.
 - There is also an OPCares website where OP residents can submit claims and ask for assistance.
- Closing and gift card door prizes
 - When people came in for our meeting, they were given a ticket for a drawing for a gift card at the end of the meeting. Logan drew the tickets for us and we gave away 3 gift cards – 1 \$10.00 gift cards, 1 \$15.00 gift card, and one \$25.00 gift card.

Respectfully submitted – Janet Schwert, Secretary