

Minutes of the Brookside HOA board for October 15 and 18, 2023

We called a meeting of the HOA board on October 15, 2023 to discuss several issues that had arisen.

1. Years ago there was a water connection for maintenance use at the entrance to the community. After years of not being used it was shut off and the meter box has been lost. Now, with more flowers and shrubs at the entrance, a water supply would be useful. We are working with the city to locate the box and turn on the supply.
2. The trees at the entrance are Bradford Pears. While they are lovely trees, they are also dangerously brittle. Their fragile structure can cause limbs to break off without warning. Additionally, we discovered rot invading the base of the trunks. We have decided to take them down and replace them with more durable species of trees. Please bear with us as this work is accomplished by skilled neighbors over the next few weeks; we will do our best to not interrupt your normal entry to and exit from the neighborhood. Also some repair will be done on the entry structure, possibly to include replacing the broken and deteriorating signs.
3. The type of bulbs used in our street lights are no longer available and will be replaced with a different type using LED's as they go out. We met with a Duke Energy representative on October 18th to discuss options, as several of the poles are leaning and need maintenance. Duke will submit several options to us for how to proceed and we will meet again when those proposals are received in order to make the choice that makes the best fiscal sense for us.
4. Several proposals were received in response to find a replacement for Joseph as the lawn care and maintenance person for the entry to the community. Mr. Dean Wallace, one of our residents, submitted the most cost effective proposal so we have hired him; he was already filling in as interim since July 1st. Our thanks go to Joseph Morrison for his years of service to the community!
5. As there currently is no architecture review committee, the board discussed and approved one neighbor request to build a screened-in porch.
6. Finances are doing well, but would be much better if all the dues in arrears were caught up! Please check your dues payment status and catch up if needed; it will prevent problems down the road when you need to refinance or sell your property.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Rosser, Secretary