



Lake Hondah Property Owners Association Newsletter

September 2019

Hello Everyone,

The Annual Meeting of the Property Owners' Association was held on Sunday June 30th 2019. Draft minutes of that meeting are attached. As is the tradition, these minutes will be presented at next year's annual meeting for revisions and approval.

The 2019-2020 Board Members are:

- ***Gordie Roberts, President***
- ***Desmond Duncker, Vice President/Treasurer***
- ***Tisha Allen, Secretary***
- ***Diane Jacques, Board Member***
- ***Sandy Roberts, Board Member***

Raymond Jacques, past President, has stepped down this year. As required by the Bylaws, an Officer can only serve for 3 years then must be off the Board for at least 1 year.

The 2018-2019 annual financial report is also attached, with the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

THE POND

There have been questions about the work to be performed on the pond next to Lake Wilson. We want to thank everyone for being patient with the pond being drained for so long. Although we have had work scheduled for it since last year, we have not been able to get a firm date from Cedar Mountain Grading to start the work. They now have us on their schedule for late September. If they postpone the work further, we will look for a new contractor.

The issues with the pond are twofold; the silt basins and the sluice gate.

The Silt Basins: At the inflow of the pond by the wooden bridge are silt basins meant to prevent further sediment from flowing downstream and filling the pond. These silt basins need to be dredged and re-constructed. The estimated cost to do this is \$7,500. Unfortunately the larger pond itself cannot be completely dredged as that would be cost prohibitive.

The Sluice Gate / Drain Valve: The sluice gate is a control mechanism used to fill or drain the pond as needed. Some homeowners have asked why not have just one large lake instead of Lake Wilson & the pond? The reason for the dam is that the pond is much higher than the level of the lake and without the dam the pond would never fill up. The current gate is badly corroded and needs to be rebuilt. The estimated cost to rebuild the gate is \$5,500. We continue to keep the gate locked in an open position to leave the pond as dry as possible to facilitate work on the silt basins.

PAVING

Usually paving is done every 2 to 3 years (due to the high cost). However potholes do continue to develop. We would like to thank two homeowners, Raymond Jacques and Joe Lemaire, who took the time and energy to purchase asphalt & concrete on the HOA's behalf and patch some of the larger holes, both on Spring Water Drive and LakeView. Such volunteerism is appreciated and encouraged, but please ask the Board first if you wish to be reimbursed for cost of materials.

We remind everyone during this growth season to watch the bushes beside the roadway and keep them trimmed as necessary to ensure a smooth path for vehicles. While each homeowner is responsible for the bushes on their property, it's always nice when homeowners help each other out in this regard. Additionally, if the shrubbery is not pruned, it is within the authority of the Property Owners Association to have any offending bushes trimmed by our landscaper and bill the homeowner.

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