

September Monthly Meeting
Herndon United Methodist Church, Room 110

15 September

Board Attendees – Tim, Jeff, Mark, Al, Tyrone, Morna

Meeting called to order by Jeff @ 7:03PM, Tyrone seconds the motion.

Tot Lot maintenance, repair and replacement.

- Frank identified an alternative resource to consider for the future replacement of Tot Lot equipment. Mary Russ is the contact for *Grounds for Play* (www.groundsforplay.com), and their equipment may be up to 35-40% less expensive than the current vendor we are utilizing.
- Given recent heavy rains, mulch on the Tot Lots washing away is a concern. Current Tot Lot mulch status needs to be assessed.
- Frank recommended using rubberized mulch as an alternative to the mulch now used. The rubberized material is much more dense and has less a lower likelihood of being washed away.

Pool House sprinkler system.

- The most recent fire safety inspection identified the sprinkler head in the pump/filter as needing restoration or an application for its removal. However, Caption Victor Miller indicated that unless it can be proven that the safety code no longer requires this system, the system must be functional year round.
- The committee discussed several options for the maintenance of a year round sprinkler system. However, it was decided that a more professional assessment of repair options is likely needed before moving forward with any work.
- Frank and Tyrone identified a former board member, Jim Talbert, as an outside resource to assess the sprinkler system and recommend local groups capable of any repairs necessary. Mr. Talbert's professional background and familiarity with the local fire code and companies specializing in installment, repair and replacement were the basis for his recommendation.

Neighborhood public grounds maintenance.

- The neighborhood currently has contracted the Meridian group for 3 years to mow and maintain public grounds with payment for their services once per year. This contract expires at the end of this year.
- HDS and Meridian were discussed as possible resources for continued maintenance of public grounds. The committee would like a 3rd option to consider before evaluating quotes neighborhood public grounds maintenance.

Bridge located at the Sugarland Run/Wiehle intersection has been washed out.

- Chris, the president of the HOA across Wiehle, contacted Jeff to see if we would be willing to combine our two neighborhoods (combined total represents over 400 houses) in an appeal for replacement of the bridge to the County. This is the second time the bridge has washed out.
- During the most recent rains, Chris marked the highest rise of water in hopes to assist the County in considering a future bridge less likely to be washed out. An architect in Chris's community designed the previously built bridge.
- The board agreed to a joint effort to appeal for a bridge replacement.

Jeff motioned to adjourn at 8:05PM; Morna seconded the motion.