

**Emerald Woods Residents' Association Monthly Executive Meeting
October 13, 2021**

Attendees: Melanie Gallant, Mary Wolff, Jenny, Paul, Pam, Kamen

Guests: Christine Lowe, Christine Guptill, Goretta Pernitzky, Keely Storr

1) Councillor Diane Deans

On behalf of D. Deans Melanie Galant informed the Executive about the following:

- There will be a safety meeting from 6 to 7:30 pm on October 18th.
- There will be an annual snow tour for the second week of November. Will be held virtually.
- The City of Ottawa would like to hear from residents about 2022/23 budget.
Councillor Deans will be hosting budget meeting on October 26 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Link will be passed along when becomes available.
- 3776, 3780 Albion Rd. Councillor Diane Deans hosted a public meeting the plan went from 3-story 36 units to similar building with 23 units, and to 8 townhouses + 8 dwelling units to total of 16 units. The amended zoning is from R1 to R3. Residents can send comments to Diane Deans or to Tracey Scaramozzino.
- When discharging water from your swimming pool check the regulations or you may be fined

Residents pointed that there is increased garbage in Trappers Park.

Cameras probably will be installed in this area. Melanie encouraged people to report any inappropriate behavior.

Pam reported that there are two large trees that are blocking the path between the City and NCC land.

2) President's Report

- Public meeting was held for the development on Albion.
- Safety meeting was organized with D.Deans and Chief Soly.
- Working with Councillor Deans for the AGM.
- Will have a membership drive either now or early next year.

3) Treasurer's Report

- No significant expenditures, just bank monthly charges.

4) Questions from guests

Christine Guptill - there might be no-fee account from e.g. Simply Financials. Suggested that we find unrestricted meeting tool like Zoom or Google Meet.

Christine Lowe asked what is the process for nomination for executive position. Mentioned that she wants to nominate her husband.

Pam replied that nominations can and is good to be done ahead of time by email or other means.

Christine Lowe said that there are voting tools that we can use for AGM as it will be held virtually.

Action: Kamen to announce on the website the rules - how new residents can become members before the AGM on November 18th. This is tentative date and may change.

Goretta: You have to find a way and notify residents that they can become members before November 18th, otherwise you are doing a disservice to the community.

Kamen: New residents can become members before AGM. People that were members since 2019 can still vote until next year's membership drive. All other residents had three years to become members and now there is no time to have a blitz membership campaign. We will post on FB how new residents can become members.

Christine L.: There is a confusion on FB about the boundaries of the community and how to communicate with the Executive. Jenny is getting a lot of negative attention on FB as the only person replying on behalf of EWRA.

Kamen: EWRA boundaries are posted on the website. Communicating with the Executive is through ewra300 email posted on FB and website or direct email to a member of the Executive or if someone has ever been a member of the association they would have phone numbers of the Executive.

Christine L.: How to become member of the Executive?

Kamen: To be member of the executive a person just needs to contact someone from the Executive or email to the common account. Only the four elected positions are voted for and filled at the AGM.

Christine L. said that her husband sent three-page letter how to improve the association and proposed some constitutional changes and nobody acknowledged that.

Kamen: I read the document and those changes will be discussed in the Executive meeting.

Question: Why some questions are not answered on FB?

Kamen: We are using FB to make announcements related to the community. We do not have the resources to answer every question posted on FB.

Goretti: The bulletin board looks horrible. It reflects poorly on the Association. Can the information there be updated?

Jenny: Yes, we will update the information in the bulletin board. There was not community related news since Covid-19 pandemic started.

5) Other Business

EWRA will post the meeting schedule.

6) Adjournment