

**Har-Ber -Property Owners Board Meeting  
7-28-2025**

**1. Call to Order (6 pm) Roll Call/ Determine Quorum**

Attendees/Absenses:

Debbie Goff, Secretary - Present

Mike Thompson- Present

Mark Towery - Present

John Duke - Present

Cathy Caudle Present

Lorrie Childers Crook- Present

Brian Moore - Present

Katie Fisher - Present

**2. Welcome**

To residents in person, on live stream, and volunteer board/committee members

**Mike Thompson** welcomed the residents in person and online.

**3. Resident's Comments**

**Annie Dunnagin** - question about the trees along Allie Francis have been taken out due to disease and the storm. Grasses at the Gene George entrance were really pretty.

**Brian Moore** - board member suggested that we might want to see what the residents of Ireland think about the meadow.

**Meredith and Mike Bishop** - Ireland residents

**Jim Cordus** - TOLN - looked at ARC applications - Letter from the POA from August, 2019 - if you do not make an application to the ARC you could be fined \$500.

**Greg Combs** - Ireland resident

**Tatum Ownbey** - will make comments on the Meadow

**Jean Earp** - Want to make comments on the Meadow

**Linda Miller** - June

**Joy Baker** - Harlan Avenue

**Patti Logan** - TOLS - Geese are leaving droppings everywhere. We need to replace the swans Swans were destroyed during the hailstorm. John Duke says we can replace them from not much cost.

Also: Walkway next to the buildings where the new clinic is going in. Snakes in the grass.

**Hope Fredrick** - Harlan - the housing areas around the park, and the upkeep of the lawns on Founders Park East and West. Street trees are taking over and not appropriate.

Parking on the Streets. Community wide garage sale. The renters do not have the means perhaps

**Margaret** - Harlan - Everyone needs to do their fair share to make the neighborhood beautiful

**Randy** - Harlan - Hammocks hanging in Founders Park. There are remnants of hammocks that have been there at least three years.

Failing trees in Founders Park - we are allowing children to climb on the trees. The hammocks need to be removed. **John Duke** said, we can remove them at our discretion. **Randy:** We should ban climbing of the trees.

#### **4. Committee Updates**

##### **a. Secretary's Report – Cathy Caudle**

Minutes were approved and posted.

##### **b. Treasurer's Report - Mark Towery**

###### **Financials for June 2025**

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For the month of June and YTD June, total net income/(loss) was \$9,283.86 and \$41,988.17.

YTD June Actual net income of \$41,988.17 is \$8,843.99 lower vs the budget of \$50,832.16.

June 2025 and June 2024 balance sheet totals are as follows (respectively):

Cash/CDs - \$294,861.97 and \$236,660.30

June 2025 cash comprises of two CDs at \$109,963.09 and \$100,000, \$2,009.88 in a money market account, and \$82,889.00 in regular checking

YTD Investment income was \$4,137.99

Annual membership dues – 676 units x \$630/unit = \$425,880

**Brian Moore** proposes approval of Financial report.

**Debbie Goff** seconded

Unanimous approval.

c. **Welcoming Committee - Elizabeth Lange** - absent

d. **Communications Committee - Toree Williams** - absent

e. **Events Committee – Lindsay Hammons** - absent

f. **ARC Committee - Wes Barris**

Approved one shed

A fence

Signage for a business

Two landscaping projects

Preplacement of posts

Replacing the stone veneer

One request to widen a driveway was denied.

g. **Lake Committee - Zac Williams** - absent

h. **Pool Manager Report - Jill** - absent

i. **Landscape and Facilities Committee - Matt Baker**

Since the last meeting we cleaned up the shrubs on the east side of Crumpacker

Cleaned up oak trees in Crumpacker

Street tree conversation - complex situation. Just on the POA property trees we can get recommendations of which ones need to come down. Replacement of the POA property trees is a bit dicey. The recommendation might be to not plant between the street and sidewalk, but in the common area.

Around the park there are so many root issues and starting over is a huge undertaking. We will also destroy the irrigation system. We would need to shift and put the trees on the inside of the sidewalk rather than the narrow strip. It would need to be phased in slowly.

**Mike Thompson:** We need a working committee to get together and figure out the undertaking.

**Brian Moore** - Brian will donate the time of the landscape architect that works with him.

Jonathan Schmidts. He can give recommendations. Brian and Matt will text and figure out when to meet.

A committee should also get together. Need to get a tree count. People can sponsor a tree, perhaps.

**Matt Baker** - some trees near the Arkansas Support Network also need to be addressed.

Boxes going into the lake behind the pool need to be cleaned out.

## **5. New Business**

### **a. Lake trash**

We need to have a lake clean up..

Lake motors: **John Duke** - Recirculation pump is not the shaft, ball bearings in the motor, so electrician will look at the repair and turn it back on.

### **b. Riparian Project assessment**

**Mike Thompson and Matt Baker** - Mowing at the three inch level has not damaged the trees. Looks good now.

Need to mow along the creek at the Gene George entrance

### **c. Meadows project**

**Brent Combs** (Ireland) - We were not notified about the Meadows. Some of the neighbors dislike it and it looks bad. (Several people agreed with Mr. Combs)  
Meadows project was approved in 2020.

**Matt Baker:** This was in conjunction with the city of Springdale, and Mayor Sprouse. Duane Roades was president and the board wanted to save money. This was the board's attempt to save money on mowing.

The committee had brought this to the board originally and the board was not interested at the time but became more interested as a cost cutting measure. The meadow has flowers and meadow grasses intentionally planted.

**Ronnie Smith** - as a resident in favor of keeping the meadow. He and his wife were out there. Invasives will be taken out. This is a place for everyone to enjoy.

**Brian Moore** - there a lot of people who are against the meadow, especially on Ireland. He feels those on Ireland should be the ones who have the most to say.

**Linda Miller** - contract with Bortanical services? **Mike Thompson:** That was not entered this fiscal year.

**Linda Miller:** Some people are getting sick with allergies because of the Meadow.

**Joy Baker:** Survey - Priority to the people in the neighborhood? Can we do a survey? To find out what the people in the neighborhood want to see.

**Matt Baker:** The Meadow aids in water filtration, habitat, natural area. Cost savings, doing something good for the environment.

**Brian Moore** - we could get a survey of the residents. Next meeting - increase the buffer?

Doesn't want it to go away, but a way to make as many people happy as possible.

**Mike Thompson** - tabled until next time. We need three courses of action that we can discuss.

**Lorrie Crook** - will Mike share the letters that have been brought to the meeting from Ireland residents? Mike will share those. It would be good for everyone on the board to hear what the residents on Ireland had to say.

**Brian Moore** - Street lights We are responsible for the street lights because we are a POA.

How can we budget over the next 5-10 years to replace the lights? Budget over the next 5-10 years to get some lights that might be much more cost effective than the current \$3500 per light because the lights have to be special ordered. We need a plan.

Motion from **Brian Moore** to contact Ozark about the street lights. Seconded by **Cathy Caudle**. Approved.

**Debbie Goff** - our dues are very low, so some of the issues we need to address are harder to address because our dues are not commensurate with other neighborhoods like ours.

**Mark Towery** - not at a deficit right now. We can piecemeal some things. Founders Park should be a priority. We need to tour the neighborhood and make a priority list.

**Katy Fisher** - no first aid kit at the pool we need one!!

**Mark Towery** - are we liable for any injuries at the pool when the Ducks practice or have meets?

**Lorrie Crook and Katy Fisher:** the pool needs better management - where is the first aid kit, where are some of the housekeeping supplies?

d. Shaft for lake motor - Discussed earlier.

6. Property Manager's Report - **John Duke**

Money for hail damage \$11,096 and change. We can replace something on the pool and pool house, but need to make sure we invest wisely

Light pole is in production for Wells Circle - In production. \$3500

New fountain on Lake near Elizabeth

Swing for Founders Park - it is being worked on.

**6456 Firefly Catch home** - The owner died and the owner's son will not take care of the property. POA started mowing it and have \$5000 in maintenance and legal fees. We can foreclose on the property and get a new owner. It will sell on the courthouse steps and get a new

**Mike Thompson:** Motion to begin foreclosure on this property Debbie Goff seconded. Unanimous pass.

Tree roots have destroyed the irrigation around the trees on the property owners side of Founders Park.

**Brian Moore:** Motion made that if siding, roof shingles is the same color and type damaged by this storm residents can repair without ARC application.

**Lorrie Crook** second.

Unanimous pass.

Motion to adjourn.

## 7. Adjournment (8:00pm)

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