



LINKS POND CLUSTER ASSOCIATION
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**Links Pond Cluster Association
Minutes of March 31, 2010 Board Meeting**

Board members present: Shelby Lawton, Dan Caro, Donna Pieper, Vince Mayer, Jalal Mapar

The minutes of the February 2, 2010 meeting were approved.

Other homeowners present: Karen Wheeler, HeidiAnne Werner

Financials

Financial review – Shelby announced 70% of the budget has been spent. Shelby expects 95% of the budget will be spent by the end of June. We should anticipate having to remove one more tree before the end of the fiscal year. Shelby expects us to finish the fiscal year without exceeding the total budget.

Dues reminder mailing – Dues reminders were sent.

Budget Meeting prep – Next month, we will need to select a date for the meeting. Shelby will present options for snow removal at Budget Meeting. Shelby will present two proposed budgets at the meeting, one with a snow removal increase and one without.

Landscape

Vince will talk to Terry at Blade Runners and get suggestions for 3-4 trees that need to be removed. Vince stated some tree planting could be handled by cluster volunteers for roughly \$300 per tree for materials. Vince needs to wait a week for Terry to return before getting an estimate and timetable for the removal of tree in front of building 4 which was struck by lightening. Vince will also explore other landscaping bids besides Blade Runners in attempt to control costs.

Miscellaneous:

Board Positions – Officer election was held: President, Donna Pieper; Vice President/Landscaping, Vince Mayer; Vice-President/Special Projects, Jalal Mapar; Treasurer, Shelby Lawton; Secretary, Dan Caro.

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Spring Cleanup – The cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 15th. Flyers will be posted and distributed soliciting project recommendations.

Website update – Website update is needed for news section and calendar. Options also need to be explored for the use of individual logins and the ability to vote online.

Review and mailing of updated parking policy – Donna suggested a change to the language of the parking policy to more clearly reflect statements in the cluster by-laws.

Cluster application for slate for front porch – Reston Association advised that the use of blue stone is approved and acceptable.

Ballot tally: Use of email instead of mail for cluster “mailings”– 22 votes were in favor; 34 votes were needed to pass. Ballot will have to be sent again and homeowners will have to vote again. The ballot will be sent with the Budget Meeting notice. Homeowners will be able to vote by mail or at the Budget Meeting.

Newsletter – Will be sent in May.

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