

Board members present: Sam Packer, Wes Cox, Ken Konietzko, Susan Hufsmith, Betsy Lauer, Al Brooks, Dave Wilson, Nancy Thompson

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm via Zoom.
1. The February 2021 Board Minutes were approved with edits.
2. **Invasive Plants:** Kurt Lauer, resident, discussed the invasive characteristics of English Ivy as a ground cover that spreads to trees, depriving them of nutrients, and the effectiveness of different removal strategies. In brief, the application of herbicide by itself is not as effective as cutting the vines at a 2-foot height on our trees, removing the roots when the ground is wet, and cutting any emerging shoots 3 times per year. The Board has a quote from Premium for herbicide treatment. Dave will follow up with Premium to get an expanded bid for ivy removal at one common area location to use as a test case. The test location includes a dead tree in the common area that abuts a homeowner lot also containing ivy. The homeowner will be asked to contribute to the ivy removal, if possible, given the invasive impact and potential recurring damage to trees in the common area.
3. **Treasurer Report:** Wes distributed the current financial statement which indicated that as of March 10, 50% of the HOA dues for 2021 have been collected.
4. **Disclosure Package:** Susan reported that a request had been received for a package for a house with a 6-foot fence around a pool. The seller had purchased the house with the existing fence in place. This led to a discussion about fencing around a pool. Susan said Fairfax County requires fencing surrounding a pool at a minimum of 4 feet. Board members agreed that since fencing around a pool can exceed the 4.5 ft height under county rules, it might be allowed as a safety precaution. As a general matter, based on our covenants and advice from our attorney, any fence that exceeds the 4.5 ft height restriction will be noted as non-complaint in the Disclosure Package, and a statement added that the fence must be in compliance with HOA restrictions when the fence is replaced.
5. **ARC:** Al discussed an inquiry regarding solar panel installation. Al and Dave will follow up with the homeowner. The HOA covenants do not forbid panels, but size, placement and other aspects of the proposal would be reviewed.
6. **Water Drainage:** A homeowner contacted the Board to discuss a plan for water drainage on his lot next to the LFCA entrance monuments at Maritime Lane. Since none of the attached plans were visible electronically, Dave will follow up with the homeowner.
7. **Facebook Page:** The former President of the LFCA Board has offered to maintain a Facebook page pertaining to the LFCA community. However, as this is his personal page, he will add a disclaimer that the page is not an official site for LFCA information or contacting the Board.
8. **Yard Waste:** All homeowners in the HOA should be aware that the County is no longer accepting plastic bags for yard waste collection. Trash companies, including Republic, have been notifying customers of this change effective in April 2021. Homeowners can use paper bags, or reusable collection bins.
9. **Survey:** The Board reviewed the draft survey concerning various proposals for changes to the existing Association Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions. The Board decided to focus the survey on fences and temporary structures. Future survey topics can be

discussed at the Annual Meeting. Sam will circulate a revised draft for review.

- 10. Board Meeting:** The April 8, 2021 Board meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:30 pm.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.