

**East Village Homeowners Association  
Board Meeting  
April 7, 2022  
Reid, Hanna, Johnson Company  
1101 Siskiyou Blvd, Ashland, OR**

**Board Members Present:**

Judy Butler – President  
Tom Reid – Treasurer  
Fred Staphenhorst- Secretary  
Bel Borg – Member at Large

**Homeowners in Attendance:** Gary Appleman, Patricia Carpentieri

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The Board accepted the agenda as presented.

The Board minutes from the meeting held on January 20, 2022, were approved as presented.

**Homeowners' Forum/Correspondence:** Judy reported that several homeowners responded to her email regarding dying arborvitae in backyards and they indicated that they will either remove the arborvitae completely or trim the dead branches.

**President's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported that due to the fact that the board meeting is being held earlier in the month the March financial statements are not yet complete. Once the March statements are sent out Tom will email a brief comment on them to the board members.

**Old Business:**

**Landscape Update:** Bel, our landscape liaison, provided a written report to the board. The report highlighted two issues:

- The backyard irrigation inspection by US Lawns, along with Bel and Judy, was completed in March. Overall the issues and repairs were less than expected. The group had access to almost every backyard. The final cost of the inspection and repairs was \$1336, mostly repairs.

- The 2022 irrigation schedule will reduce the frequency and duration of watering in an effort to conserve water. The system will be turned on in April at a date to be determined. Initially front yards will only be watered three times/week and backyards just two times; run times will be minimal to conserve water. Adjustments to this schedule will be made as the summer progresses. Sprinklers will start no earlier than 6 am so residents may more likely observe faulty sprinkler heads or other problems.

**Tree and Wetlands Maintenance:** In February Canopy Tree Service completed an extensive pruning of all trees throughout the HOA at a cost of \$3000. Canopy will return in May to clean-up brush and blackberries in the wetlands, as well as trim back the perimeter areas of the wetlands for fire prevention.

**Updated emergency contact list:** Fred has previously sent out an updated Contact List. There are no changes at this time

**Sidewalk Update:** Judy has received a bid from our paving company to replace sidewalks in four different areas of the HOA. All of these areas have raised slabs due to root growth and are trip hazards. The company has agreed that if any irrigation lines are damaged during their work they will repair them at no extra cost. The total cost for the work is \$2675 and the board approved this expenditure.

**2021 Reserve Study Update:** Judy reported that the 2022 study is being completed and upon completion will be posted to our website. The cost this year increased to \$450. Tom and Judy will schedule a phone conference with the company to discuss how our possible expenditure to change the HOA landscaping to xeriscaping might be factored into future capital expenditures.

**New Business:**

**Fence Request:** The owner of 2246 Dollarhide is installing a new backyard fence. The City of Ashland now requires that in all new fences the first 5' of fencing adjacent to the dwelling be made of metal (fire prevention). The owner has asked the board to approve an appropriate design for his gate (which would be adjacent to the dwelling) that could include decorative elements. The board approved a design that is decorative but is non-see-through.

**Xeriscape Design:** In March the board met with the owner of KenCairn Landscape Architecture, Kerry KenCairn. Pursuant to previous discussions with the board Kerry presented a detailed xeriscape plan that could be applied throughout the entire HOA. The board was pleased with the plan and will now pursue bids for the estimated cost of such a project. Eventually both the design and cost will be presented to all owners for their input and possible approval.

The meeting was adjourned 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred Staphenhorst, Secretary