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BOARD MINUTES - June 27, 2012

The Tanterra Homeowners Association monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Curt Barrett.

Board Members Present:

- Curt Barrett, President
- Glen McEwen, V.P.
- Dick Bertin, Sec'y.
- Jim Cagley
- Charlie Cook
- Wayne Johnson
- Glenn Wasik

Others Present:

- Elizabeth Bialas
- Hank Griffith
- Ted Karp
- Jodie Siarkas
- Dave Stout

1. Guest comments.

There were no guests in attendance.

2. Minutes

A motion was made by Glenn Wasik to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012 Board meeting with one correction. Glen McEwen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Clerk Elizabeth Bialas distributed the current Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement (as of June 27, 2012). She reported that 48 homeowners still owe the second installment of the special assessment, but that payments continue to be received. Treasurer Charlie Cook indicated that the state of the reserve fund is healthy. Chair Curt Barrett reported that the delayed audit has been received. The Finance Committee will review the performance of our accounting services provider.

4. Committee Reports

Pool Committee:

Wayne Johnson reported on the extensive discussions of the pool reconstruction committee regarding the ability of the initially selected contractor comply with contract terms. Because of reconstruction committee concerns about the first selected contractor, the committee decided to select the 2nd candidate contractor, Atlantic Pools Inc. Atlantic Pools Inc. will be more expensive to reconstruct the pool but still is much below two other bidders. Dick Bertin moved and Wayne Johnson seconded a motion to approve an increased allocation for the pool renovation to \$465,000. The motion passed unanimously. Curt Barrett will prepare an article for Tanterra Today advising homeowners of the situation.

Architectural Committee:

The committee presented a draft guideline on parking in driveways in an attempt to control some of the most egregious examples of inappropriate vehicles parked on homeowners' property. Glenn Wasik moved and Charlie Cook seconded a motion to approve the guidelines as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Grounds Committee: No report.

GOCA: No report.

Newsletter: No report.

Social Committee: No report.

Tennis Committee: No report.

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Next Board Meeting

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The Tanterra Swim and Dive Team would like to thank the Tanterra homeowners and associate members for their patience during a very uncharacteristic year of home meets due in part to the storm activity that forced us to reschedule events at Tanterra.

As always, we will continue to work hard in future years to limit the number of home meets and early pool closings.

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Karen Gallagher, Carleen Patterson, Tina Varron and Kate Gun
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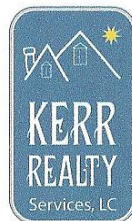
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Curt Barrett**Welcome "Tanterra.net"**

By the time you read this message, we will have switched our website address from www.Tanterra.com to www.Tanterra.net. The old site had outdated, unsupported software, and with increasing costs of running that site, we determined it was time to revamp the site. Accordingly, we completely overhauled our website to now use Jubal, which is a freeware site that was perfect for our use. We also switched our host to GoDaddy.com. The simplicity of using the Jubal web tools allows us to maintain our website by a group of people who are active in our Association (Board and Committee members), instead of depending on just one person to do all the work in keeping our site up to date. This means the Tanterra Today editors can upload monthly newsletters while the Architectural, Social and Pool Committee chairs can also update their own information as well, independent of a website manager.

Our website is your gateway to what's happening in our neighborhood. It contains a calendar of events, pool documents such as rules and regulations and how to rent the pool, Architectural rules and community links to organizations such as GOCA or the Olney Chamber of Commerce. It also contains the official Covenants and Bylaws that define homeowner and Association responsibilities that realtors frequently need. I hope you'll make some time to visit our new site soon, as it puts you in touch with the Associations benefits and activities.

The Derecho storm that we experienced in our area last month was devastating to our neighborhood and many others. There were many large trees that were blown down, including one neighbor on Heritage Hills Drive that had a huge tree fall on their home and sustained damage to their second floor, as well as other homeowners who had trees fall on their property, just missing their home by inches. At the pool, five large trees were topped and fell in different directions, similar to the effects experienced by a tornado. Cleaning up the pool parking lot was a huge job and I would like to commend the Pool Committee for their quick action in addressing this situation. The Pool (which also lost power) was up and operational within 24 hours of the storm. As you know, many areas in Montgomery County were without power for a week or longer, but we were lucky to have power restored within 24 hours. I hope our Tanterra neighbors have recovered from this extreme event.



MORE LUAU LAUGHTER!!


 THE AUGUST LANDSCAPE GARDENER

 BY
 MARK D. UHL, HORTICULTURIST

Late summer is the best time to rejuvenate lawns; the process of filling in bare spots and replacing poorly performing grasses with better varieties starts now. Poor grasses or spots of “warm season” grasses can be eliminated easily with a non-selective herbicide (Roundup) 2-4 weeks prior to reseeding. This timeframe will allow you to see the spots die before reseeding. In an emergency, you can spray Roundup and reseed three days later, but you may not have entirely killed off the unwanted grasses and they may return. Spraying 2-4 weeks ahead will give you the opportunity to evaluate your treatment and re-spray if needed. The preferred grass seed to use in our area for most lawns is a turf type tall fescue blend (“TTTTF”). TTTTF germinates best at soil temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees, which occur in our area from mid August through the end of September. Seeding during that time (provided adequate moisture is present) will provide for germination in as short as 5 days with an average time of 7-10 days. Seeding early will get a stand of grass established prior to leaf clean up in the Fall. If moisture is not present, wait until adequate rainfall has occurred prior to seeding. (Adequate soil moisture will also allow for better penetration of aerator tines into the soil.)

Seeding may be done in many ways. The primary objective is to establish seed contact with the soil particles. Aeration prior to seeding provides additional benefits of allowing for improved penetration of fertilizer and water to the root systems of the existing grass plants while opening areas for new seed to contact soil. Slice seeding, using a special machine, cuts very shallow grooves for the seed through the existing turf. This is the preferred method for obtaining the best stand of grass in the shortest time, but is also the slowest and most expensive. Broadcasting seed without aeration can work if we get a week of wet weather after seeding, but is very hit or miss. **Watering the new seeding is very important for the first two weeks.** A light-daily watering is extremely beneficial and can mean the difference between success and failure of the seeding job. Watering should be gradually withdrawn as the grass grows, watering more at each watering and applying water less frequently.

Application of fertilizer designed for use with new seed such as 18-24-12 the first week of September will stimulate the existing turf and support the growth of young grass plants. This timing is important for the fertilizer whether you seed earlier or later.

Plan now for Fall plantings of ornamentals, Fall planted trees and shrubs produce roots during the long period of Fall through next Summer and are better able to withstand the Summer’s temperatures. You might also begin planning for the division of perennials in your garden. Later September through early October is an ideal time for all but the most early flowering perennials.

Pruning should be delayed until mid-October. Pruning now will encourage growth which will not have sufficient time to harden off prior to freezing weather.

Weed control in plant beds now, in the first week of August, will eliminate possible sources of weed seed for next year. With a combination of hand weeding (where weed growth is too large or too close to desirable plants) and herbicides, your yard can be weed free in no time (well almost.) I have noticed many areas where the wild grape vines have taken over and smothered trees and shrubs in our woodland areas and some of this grape has made its way into our yards as well. This grape vine grows so fast that it can overwhelm large trees before you are aware that it may be present. Japanese Stilt grass is another invasive species which seems to be coming into untended areas rapidly. Pre-emergent herbicides are our best defense against this one. Hand weeding of this weed, when it attempts to move into new areas, works well also; so you need to be vigilant and catch these outbreaks in their early stages. Application of a pre-emergent herbicide, in planting beds only, in August will keep Fall germinating weeds such as the chickweed invasion of this past Spring from being nearly so severe for the Spring of 2012. This material is the same as you use in the Spring to prevent crabgrass and other Summer weeds from germinating. Do not use pre-emergents on lawn areas at this time if you plan to re-seed - use only in the planting beds. I plan to make this application much more extensively this year in many of the planting beds where I mulch in the Spring to cut the work load at that busy time of year.

Lacebug on azalea and other broadleaf evergreen plants are into their second/third generations. The first generation left behind eggs which sporadically generate young over a wide range of time. Control is difficult with contact pesticides, so you may want to try Merit as a soil treatment for long term control. The down sides of Merit are the expense and the possibility of a spider mite build up. Merit is sold in several formulations; look for the chemical name Imidacloprid in the active ingred-

JUNE 2012 BOARD MINUTES

Web Site:

Content for the new web site has not yet been fully migrated from the old site. Board members were requested to review/post current information on the new Tanterra.net site, and to ensure that current information is also present on the Tanterra.com site.

Welcoming Committee:

Jodie Siarkas reported that she is providing welcome kits to new residents. There were 11 new residents greeted in 2011 and so far 4 in 2012.

New Business:

• The issue of commercial truck parking in the pool parking lot was raised. It was agreed that we need to know the relevant Montgomery County law in order to know how to proceed. The issue was tabled, pending review of information that the Architectural Committee will provide to members.

• Some members have questioned the operation of the snack bar at the pool. It is operated privately as a service to members.

The date for the November general membership meeting was tentatively set for Tuesday, November 13, pending confirmation of availability of Greenwood School. An alternate date of November 14 was also approved.

Old Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Richard J. Bertin, Secretary



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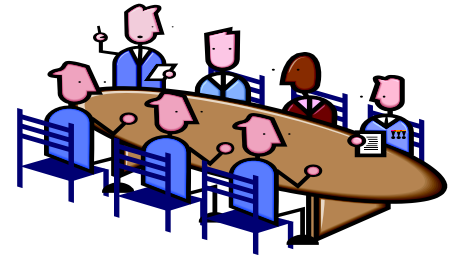
Spider mites and soft scale insects are having a field day with the hot and mostly dry weather. Summer oils at 2% can be used to great effect if you can get great coverage of the undersides of the leaves.

Have a great vacation!

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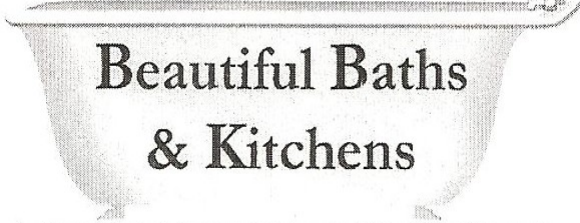


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