

Springbrook Association – PO Box 696, DeWitt, MI 48820

January 9, 2018

Dear Neighbor:

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to remind everyone that there will be an Annual Meeting taking place at DeWitt High School on February 6th, 7:00 PM that we hope you can attend. The meeting will be in the “presentation room” and will have a sign on the door.

There will be at least two openings for new Directors at the meeting. We hope you will consider serving, especially if you have lived in the Association for a long time and have not had an opportunity to volunteer. As mentioned in the last newsletter, it was the Board’s intent to conduct this election by mail so everyone could vote. The Board worked hard to make this happen, but was logistically challenging as our old mail service could not do this. Amongst concern that things would not get completed in time for the Annual Meeting, and members’ votes not counting, it became apparent that this year’s election would need to remain an “in-person vote” for those who can attend the meeting. The covenants and restrictions do call for only one vote for each lot, which will be enforced this year. As was the case at the last election, and as required by the By-Laws, elections will be for Directors “in general” and not for specific titles. After the election, and again per the By-Laws, the Board will internally determine in which capacity Directors will serve. The By-Laws are available on the Association’s website.

A challenge for the Association in 2018 will be in exploring the By-Laws. The current By-Laws were created in 1988, call for 6 directors that serve 3 year terms, and are badly in need of updating. Even people that don’t pay dues are currently able to be Directors. If a sufficient quorum exists at the meeting we would explore voting on changing the By-Laws to require Directors to be dues paying members of the Association, and to change the amount of allowable Directors to an odd number such as 5 or 7.

The Board also wants to take the opportunity at this time to remind homeowners that they are responsible for knowing where their property lines end. The commons property by the river has received some complaints about members using the commons property as an extension of their backyard. As a reminder, the entire Association and every member owns and pays for the maintenance of the commons property, which is open for any member to use and should not be infringed on. The Association or its lawn cutting service may remove *anything* placed on commons property at any time. Dogs are not allowed to be left unattended on commons property, and invisible dog fences are not allowed to be placed on commons property.

Association dues for 2018 are being processed and should also be arriving in the mail soon if you have not gotten them by the time you receive this newsletter. Association financials will be presented at the Annual meeting. We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

The Springbrook Association Board

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