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CALENDAR

HARDING GREEN ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Meeting will be held on virtually on
Wednesday, July 1st, at 7:45PM.*

RECYCLING

Tuesdays 7/14, 7/28
Commingled aluminum and steel
cans, plastic (#s 1 and 2), and glass
commingled newspapers, magazines,
junk mail and other recyclable paper

HARDING TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER

HOURS: 7-12 every Wednesday,
and 9-12 on Saturdays.

Announcements

Directory Census will sent out to the community the first week of July. Please look out for it from Taylor Management.

The Pool will be closed for the 2020 season. A letter was send out to the community regarding this. Please look out for the notification.

We have had residents putting out feed animals in their yard the past few weeks which have attracted unwanted animals and pests. Further, we have found traces of peanuts and nut-based food around the community. We ask that residents please stop this. **There should be no feeding wildlife.** There are residents with peanut allergies that may be affected and is creating a potential health hazard. A letter from one of our residents is included in the newsletter this month at her request to provide additional information.

As many will notice, large areas of the common property within HGA were seeded and being watered. We ask that Dog owners walking their dog be mindful of where your pets are going to the bathroom as it does affect our lawns. **Further, please also pick up after your pets.**

If the request is not complied with we will have no choice but to issues fines in the future

Community Maintenance Activities

The landscaper continues the weekly landscape maintenance at Harding Green. They are starting to get familiar with the property each week. They have completed the mulching and the lawn renovation/seeding. We are asking that you please water any new seeding in your area. Most of the seeding that was put down has started to come up. Forsythias are being cut down to half its current size as they are overgrown. They will grow back.

The board and committee did an excellent job in researching and purchasing the new street signs. We assisted in having the signs installed and have a few minor additions to make but everyone seems pleased with the new signs.

The electrician has straightened 3 leaning light poles and we are expecting the new LED lighting heads to be delivered in early August and they will install these as soon as they arrive. We feel this will be a major improvement to the community once installed.

The pond has been a real challenge this year and the aerators working less frequently than working. We are currently looking into purchasing a fountain to replace the aerators.

We are continuing to solicit and receive bids for paving of roadways which we want to do this year. We are also re-bidding the siding repairs and painting for 1-9 Tulip, 1-6 Hemlock, the pool house and some fencing.

The Board has been working with the association's attorney, insurance company, pool management and Taylor management since the new requirements come out last week in regards to the pool. There are major concerns with the insurance along with costly upgrades and staffing to open the pool. The board is trying to make the best decision for the health and safety of all members at Harding Green. As a result, the pool will be closed for 2020.

Reminders

Residents are reminded that all work order and service requests **MUST** be directed to Gary McHugh, our property manager. Please when emailing Gary, always cc the hgatrustees@yahoo.com email address. All external work to the community must be approved by the HGA Board before starting work. Personal property modification forms must be approved before work begins. Please visit the HGA website at www.hardinggreen.org or contact Gary for the proper documentation.

Draft Minutes of Open Board Meeting
Harding Green Meeting May 27,2020

Present:

Michael Chou-President
Richard Bruno-Vice President
Sharon Grenard-Secretary
John Huston-Treasurer
Gary McHugh-Manager

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05
 - a. Minutes from the February and April meetings approved 5/0
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. As of April 30th:
 - b. Operating-\$122,244.09
 - c. Money Market-\$280,637.99
 - d. CD's-\$427,432.11. CD's are with 3 Banks: Montreal, JPMorgan and a small bank in Arkansas
 - e. Interest rates being so low, banks are calling in some CD's
 - f. John has a meeting with FISN to determine what to do with the CD in the small Arkansas Bank
 - g. Monies moved from reserve to operating for roofs, electrical, street signs \$63,000.00 approved 5/0
3. Manager's Report:
 - a. Harmony - New vendor doing the landscaping-cleanup, mowing trimming, mulching, air rating.
 - b. Gary is overseeing that the job is getting done. Tree stumps are being ground and removed. WATERING lawns is very important.
 - c. The tennis courts and pool deck have been power washed.
 - d. Pool repairs will begin next week.
 - e. The governor has not said when pools could be opened. Even when he does, there will be directions and procedures that will have to be followed.
 - f. Paving- Waiting for more bids. We will do some driveways, cul-de-sacs and Harding Green Drive.
 - g. LED's lights were purchased. They should last 15-30 years.
 - h. Chimney Caps are being replaced, 10 to 20 per year. About 50% will be done by the end of this year.
 - i. Unfortunately, two units are in the rears for maintenance fees. They have been turned over to legal.
 - j. Painting and siding will be done in the fall following our painting plan.
 - k. Draining issues are being discussed and will be addressed this summer
4. Open Items
 - a. A question was asked about the audit.
 - b. Operating costs were higher than expected. Snow removal, painting and maintenance repairs were higher last year.
 - c. Drainage problems between hemlock and Beech had to be addressed.
 - d. This year we only spend \$22,000.00 on snow removal. We had a budget amount of \$55,000.00 That will be used for other projects to improve our complex.
 - e. Pest control will be spraying next week. If you don't want your unit be sprayed let Gary know.
 - f. The board has been meeting once a week to be on track getting things done for the community. Vast improvements have been going on.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Letter to HGA Residents from One Harding Green Resident to All Others:

A few days ago, a Birch Lane neighbor asked me if I had seen any rats. I answered “no”, because I had not, until today. I was once a “bird feeder”, a practice I gave up years ago when I realized that by doing so I was doing more harm than good to both the birds and the other wildlife they and the food attract.

Bird Feed, both seed and suet, is an unnatural food source. We offer it in amounts that draw unnatural congregations of birds. By doing so we expose the very birds we think we are helping to disease and death. And, we draw to that same spot many other creatures (bears, coyotes, foxes, raptors, our “outdoor” cats, squirrels, chipmunks and rats, for example) who come to eat the birds or the bird food or other creatures there for the food. Some of these now well fed creatures then also experience significant population increases, making them the target of perpetual “remediation” which typically involves poisons and other extremely inhumane remedies.

Feeding the birds is a human pleasure. It pleases the feeder. It is a completely selfish pastime. Wildlife management agencies in NJ and elsewhere have pleaded with citizens for years to stop, or at least to limit their bird feeding only to the severest winter months. Despite the self-serving campaigns by “for-profit” companies that sell bird feed year round, and the naïve organizations that buy-in to their sales pitch, there is no justification for feeding backyard birds now other than our own personal pleasure. We do so at the expense of wildlife not for their benefit. Ample natural bird food is available. Baby birds have fledged and should be learning, for their own protection, to find food on their own.

As a former feeder of birds, I respectfully urge any bird feeders in Harding Green to please suspend feeding now. Stop now for the well-being of the very birds that I know you want to help. Stop now to limit the pain surely to be inflicted by the likely draconian actions that will be taken against the innocent creatures you are drawing in with your sense of kindness. Stop now to protect your own children and pets from encountering the results of the extermination methods that will be taken to remediate your bird feeding. If you have bird food that you want to dispose of you can donate it to The Raptor Trust, just 15 minutes away in Millington: www.theraptortrust.org.

Bobbie Shields
12 Birch Lane

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Starting Check Date: 5/01/20 Cash Account #: "All"

Ending Check Date: 5/31/20

Check Date	Check #	Vend #	Name	Check Amount	Reference			
Cash account #:		100-000	AAB-Operating					
5/06/20	71020	HG-CAP	RBC FBO HARDING GREEN CAP. RES	9,057.75	ACCT 7R3-00658			
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5921	050120	5/01/20	910-000	5/01/20	9,057.75	ACCT 7R3-00658
5/06/20	71021	HTC	HARMONY TREE CARE LLC	6,359.06	LANDSCAPING SVCS - 2ND OF			
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5922	11186	4/16/20	725-000	4/16/20	6,359.06	LANDSCAPING SVCS - 2ND OF
5/06/20	71022	PR-PD	PETER RUBINETTI	2,166.60	MAY SERV			
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5914	747150	5/01/20	733-000	5/01/20	2,166.60	MAY SERV
5/06/20	71023	TMC	TAYLOR MANAGEMENT COMPANY	3,808.00	MANAGEMENT FEE			
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5920	050120	5/01/20	810-000	5/01/20	3,808.00	MANAGEMENT FEE
5/11/20	71024	GREAT	GREAT BLUE INC.	986.28	POND MAINT			
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5932	15421	5/06/20	711-000	5/06/20	986.28	POND MAINT
5/11/20	71025	HC	HILBERG CONTRACTING LLC	1,025.19				
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5926	7901	5/04/20	710-000	5/04/20	213.54	ROOF LEAK
		5927	7902	5/04/20	710-000	5/04/20	302.44	GUTTERS
		5930	7674	3/19/20	710-000	5/01/20	509.21	8 TULIP LANE-SIDING REPAI
				Totals:			1,025.19	
5/11/20	71026	HW	HILL WALLACK LLP	119.50				
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5928	551154	4/30/20	820-000	4/30/20	65.50	MYERS, LOIS
		5929	551155	4/30/20	820-000	4/30/20	54.00	BROWN, GORDON ANDRE
				Totals:			119.50	
5/11/20	71027	MC	MICHAEL CHOU	1,279.38	REIMB-COST OF NEW STREET			

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		5925	043020	4/30/20	333-000	4/30/20	1,279.38	REIMB-COST OF NEW STREET
5/11/20	71028	PSE&G	PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC & GAS				71.05	6594159100-032120-042120
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5923	605005329211	4/24/20	611-000	4/24/20	71.05	6594159100-032120-042120
5/11/20	71029	UHLIG	UHLIG LLC				61.10	REM STMNT
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5931	H024293-IN	4/30/20	830-000	5/01/20	61.10	REM STMNT
5/11/20	71030	VER	VERIZON				161.20	653121781000132-042720-05
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5924	00132-042620	4/26/20	625-000	4/26/20	161.20	653121781000132-042720-05
5/20/20	71031	CAU	COMMUNITY ASSOC. UNDERWRITERS				5,244.00	CAU503035-3 3794 1 REM IN
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5937	3794-050420	5/04/20	142-000	5/04/20	5,244.00	CAU503035-3 3794 1 REM IN
5/20/20	71032	DTEC	DAVEY TREE EXPERT				442.49	LEAF DISEASE
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5934	914563176	5/01/20	727-000	5/01/20	442.49	LEAF DISEASE
5/20/20	71033	FEC	FERRARA ELECTRICAL CONTRACOR				31,930.00	COPER LIGHTING
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5936	2110	5/11/20	333-000	5/11/20	31,930.00	COPER LIGHTING
5/20/20	71034	HC	HILBERG CONTRACTING LLC				152.00	GUTTER REPAIR
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5939	7989	5/15/20	710-000	5/15/20	152.00	GUTTER REPAIR
5/20/20	71035	HTC	HARMONY TREE CARE LLC				6,359.06	3 OF 10
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5935	11276	5/12/20	725-000	5/12/20	6,359.06	3 OF 10
5/20/20	71036	TMC	TAYLOR MANAGEMENT COMPANY				11.00	APRIL POST

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		5938	991298181	5/01/20	830-000	5/01/20	11.00	APRIL POST
5/26/20	71037	GSGC	GARDEN STATE GUTTER CLEANING				1,480.39	INSTALL 1 NEW GUTTER & LE
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5940	84049	5/19/20	710-000	5/19/20	1,480.39	INSTALL 1 NEW GUTTER & LE
5/26/20	71038	JCP&L	JERSEY CENTRAL POWER & LIGHT				373.82	
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5941	95596131608	5/15/20	610-000	5/15/20	3.10	100006521494-041520-05132
		5942	95596131592	5/15/20	610-000	5/15/20	151.09	100006484693-041520-05132
		5943	95596131595	5/15/20	610-000	5/15/20	124.24	100006486086-041520-05132
		5944	95596131586	5/15/20	610-000	5/15/20	95.39	100006481400-041520-05132

							Totals:	373.82

Totals: 71,087.87

Cash account #: 104-000 Cash in Capital FISN

5/11/20	3015	(M)HGOPER	HARDING GREEN OPERATING				1,279.38	REIMB-NEW STREET SIGNS
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5933	051120	5/11/20	160-000	5/11/20	1,279.38	REIMB-NEW STREET SIGNS
5/26/20	3016	(M)HGOPER	HARDING GREEN OPERATING				31,930.00	REIMB-FERRARA ELECTRIC IN
		Vchr-#	Invoice-#	Inv-date	Acct #	Eff-date	Amount-paid	Reference
		5945	052620	5/26/20	160-000	5/26/20	31,930.00	REIMB-FERRARA ELECTRIC IN
							Totals:	33,209.38

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