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First of all, we hope that everyone is having a great summer and we give a special welcome to several newcomers to the Briar Patch Community.

### Highlights of the July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 Board Meeting.

With the exception of Gary Lavallie (still in Canada) and Judy Michel, all Directors were present. Only ten owners attended, despite the trial change to an evening meeting.

**President/Treasurer, Marlene Winchester**, first welcomed three new owners who were in attendance.

Marlene opened her report by saying that she had been told that some owners did not attend the meetings because they felt that they did not have a voice in the proceedings. However, Marlene pointed out that this was the very reason why the Public Participation segment had been moved to the end of the Agenda, so that no-one felt rushed and to remove the original time restraint. She did believe, however, that the participation part could be less argumentative and conducted in a more civil manner.

Over the last few months quite a few new owners have joined us and Marlene asks everyone to please read our Community Documents carefully so that they are aware of and can abide by their contents. Any owner who does not have a copy of our Documents can readily obtain a copy from any Board Member.

TRASH! Despite many requests, many owners are still putting out far too much trash. Remember that the *maximum* amount put out on any single collection day should not exceed five trash bags. Our trash collection service exists to remove trash – not move house!

Also, please be aware that most charitable institutions (Goodwill, etc.) will willingly collect your unwanted articles so that they can benefit the needy. Please don't trash perfectly good items such as those we see put out as trash.

In her Treasurer's Report Marlene said that \$20,000 had been transferred into the Reserve Roofing account, although no new roofing is scheduled to take place until 2025.

**Director of Roads & Grounds, Carl Johnson**, had no major problems to report since the April Meeting. Carl said that we had survived the worst drought to occur for 103 years, during which our grounds had been watered as much as was legally allowed. As soon as the May rains started our watering system was shut down, to allow our dangerously low wells to replenish.

Tri-S had treated our area on May 19<sup>th</sup>, after which James Toney had spot treated any trouble spots. The next treatment takes place this month. Other plans for this month include mulching and trimming the entrance plants and area, plus mulching around the trees on East Cabbage and along Big Loop on the common grounds.

*Carl reminds owners that the maintenance of trees on their property is **their** responsibility; he also points out that branches rubbing on a roof or building can cause them damage. Low hanging branches over the street can also cause damage to large delivery trucks.*

Regarding the **slow sinking spot in front of 6510 Remus Drive**, Carl has called the City of NPR so many times that he is now constantly put on hold. **If a few owners would also call the City (Public Works) at 727-841-4536 to add their voices to our problem, this might get our road repaired. Please call if you can.**

**Director of Buildings & Architecture, Frank Ferreri**, said that only one more building is scheduled for painting this year, but work was halted when the rains intervened.