Minutes of South River Shores Association, Inc.

March 14, 2025

Special Meeting of Board of Directors

Topic: Trees Adjacent to Driveways

The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Tawnya Gee, Treasurer, Ken Leach, President, Diane Lovejoy, Secretary, and Willis Lovejoy, Vice President

Mr. Leach reported that Mrs. Lovejoy resigned from ARC as she is now a voting member of the Board. We need two more volunteers. Board can reverse ARC decision if it is appealed.

Patrick Flynn announced he would like to see a 5 member ARC for more diversification. Gail Downing asked if volunteers were against oaks and Mr. Flynn replied he hadn’t asked.

Mr. Leach announced that the ARC meetings will be posted. The Board must approve a balanced ARC.

Scott Richards commented that the oaks were part of the drainage issue within the development.

Tony Fernandez advised that of some of the trees were too close to the driveways causing the driveways to crumble and cause a tripping hazard and the tree on the right side of his driveway has lifted his driveway 10” and the roots are so close to the electric box that they might infiltrate. He wants to come up with a solution.

Mr. Leach advised that he didn’t see anything in rules to not take down tree due to damage.

Jack Augsbury said he would rather solve this amicably in house and not through a law suit.

Mr. Richards advised no one wants to take all the oak trees down and accused some people of making threats against other people.

Mr Leach said it was a good thing to vent but let’s keep it civil. We just need cooperation. ARC has control and decision but there is an avenue to appeal their decision. Perhaps we should also consider a Laurel Oak but that would require a change in the rules and regulations, but that would take time.

Mr. Augsbury was heartened by trying to work things out

Charles Kamensky noted the meeting was getting off topic and we should let people cut trees if damaging their driveway.

Mr. Fernandez wanted to let ARC visit each home with issues and make a determination.

Nancy Radomaky talked a bit about her law suit.

Mr. Leach advised the Board could accommodate our neighbors. In a Boardvotet was voted 3-0 to override ARC and allow removal of trees damaging driveways with stipulations:

1. The size of the replacement tree (for now must be Live Oak or Southern Magnolia) must be 3”-4” trunks when planted and to be approximately 12’ in height.
2. Trees should be planted at least 5’ from the edge of the driveway or other such distance as amenable to ARC and 25’ from the road.

There was applause with this result.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Lovejoy

Secretary