

## Special Meeting Regarding Assessment

March 16, 2022

Oakwood CUSD #76 Unit Office

6:00pm

### Minutes

- Call to Order
  - Meeting called to order by Dr. Bartosh at 6:10pm
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
  - Present: Bartosh, Bennett, Davis, Peterson, Stipp, McQueen, Hines, Butson
  - Absent: Neff, Cole
- Opening remarks by Dr. Bartosh
  - This is a special meeting. In 2011 there was a by-law passed (3.04 A #9) issuing a grandfather clause for property owners regarding assessments (Owners of multiple LTEA lots before 2011 would pay only a single assessment, those after would pay an assessment for each lot owned)
  - Because assessments are not currently meeting budget needs, this issue has come up again; Committee formed to provide options on assessment situation
  - Options were presented at Feb 23 meeting; Board members may decide to include these options as a vote for all owners at the annual meeting in April; Today's meeting is informational only
  - Committee provided three options to satisfy budget needs (See slide presentation distributed by D.C. Bartosh via Kaylie Andrews on Nextdoor and the website on or about March 11th of 2022.
  - March 23 is next board meeting, board will decide whether to include this at the annual meeting at this time
  - Reminder that board is here to serve the residents; let board know how you feel so that an educated vote can be made
- Assessment options presentation
  - See slide presentation distributed by D.C. Bartosh via Kaylie Andrews on Nextdoor and the website on or about March 11th of 2022.
- Questions and Discussion:
  - Owners have alternate suggestions including to do nothing at this time
  - Some confusion regarding whether the properties that are grandfathered in will remain grandfathered upon a sale
  - Assessments currently bring in ~\$120,000, goal is ~\$152,000

- Changing assessments may redefine an owner at LTEA
  - If a person pays assessments on multiple lots, are they also entitled to multiple votes?
- Most important budget items are roads, gate and wildlife
  - These are ongoing costs that won't be fixed by a one-time increase in assessments
- There have not been assessment increases for seven years, partially due to COVID
  - By raising or changing the assessment fee, LTEA can catch up and then raise incrementally in the future
- Should assessments be based on lot size or on the lot features (lake access, buildings, etc)
  - These ideas were considered by the committee but ultimately turned down
- Some owners would like to keep the fee as-is and continue special assessments as needed
- Lots of frustration regarding roads; some owners performing maintenance on their own road and will not do that moving forward if fees are raised
- Board will determine whether or not this is put up for a vote at the annual meeting; residents are encouraged to get in touch with a board member and make their concerns and voices heard; find member information at <http://lteail.com/index.html>
- Adjournment
  - Meeting adjourned by Dr. Bartosh at 8:11pm