Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, September 13, 2018

Time of the meeting: 6:30 to 7:30pm

Notes taken by: Peter Landgren

Present at the meeting:

• Committee members

1. President: David Cho

2. Vice President: Will Smith

3. Treasurer: Sravya Jangareddy

4. Social Chair: Liz Davison

5. Garden Coordinator: Kyle Oskvig

6. External Relations Delegate: Nancy Lu

7. Secretary: Peter Landgren

8. Webmaster: Jon MacArt (Absent)

University

- 1. Kevin Fleming
- 2. Michael Hebditch

• ACC

1. Mark Clemmons

Residents

1. Private

Meeting Summary:

- Abandoned bikes will be removed in October.
- Additional composting bins have been installed.
- The Lakeside Committee elections will take place at the next town hall meeting.
- If you've had trouble with package delivery consider having them delivered to the main office.

Discussion Points

1. Abandoned Bikes

David: Several residents have complained of abandoned bikes. Is there a process for removing these bikes and when will that happen?

Mark: We do it in October, they'll tag things then. We'll send out an email, and you'll have 3 days to remove the tag so we know it's not abandoned.

Resident: What about stolen bikes?

David: So it would be good to let the committee know, but definitely let public safety know.

Mark: And make sure your bike is registered with public safety. If it is stolen report it to public safety.

David: And let the committee know, so we can inform the rest of the residents if this is a recurring problem.

Kyle: Also, as far as prevention goes, make sure to use a U-Lock.

2. Notification of Pesticide Application

David: Some residents have raised concerns about pesticides being sprayed. Do you have any info on this?

Mark: So it's herbicide, not pesticide. You can email me for specific details.

3. Graduate Student Composting Initiative

Resident: Lakeside now has two composting bins at each location! Also, if you see any plastic bags in the bins, please contact the new Graduate Student Composting Initiative at composting@princeton.edu.

4. Recycling Furniture from Move-outs

Resident: Are there any schemes or plans to help recycle the good items that are thrown out as students move?

Resident: There have been some initiatives to work with Trenton Rescue Mission. But it's a work in progress and was just discussed as an idea. Please talk to me if you want to coordinate on that.

5. Election Details

David: Elections will be held in person at the next town hall on October 11th. Any resident can run, some positions are restricted to grad students. One requirement is that you must have attended at least one town hall meeting in the last 12 months. The deadline to declare your candidacy is Friday, September 28th at 5 pm.

We'll have a page up on the website for candidate statements and photos and we'll update that page as people submit their candidacies. A week before the town hall we'll open the website for online voting. On October 11th at 6:30 pm we'll have the town hall and allow for in-person votes, tally the votes, and announce the new committee. If you're present you can also give a short statement to introduce yourself. You can also run in absentia or send a proxy if you can't physically attend the October meeting. You can see details of each role and eligibility in the Lakeside Constitution on the committee website.

5. GSG Meetings

Nancy: The assembly recently passed a new rule regarding parental leave. With the new rule both parents gets leave, even for adoptions.

Will: This rule isn't fully in practice yet, as it needs to be approved by the faculty.

David: Do you know when this could be passed?

Will: They said for next academic year.

Will: There's also been a recent initiative to get young graduate alums on the board of trustees. So this still needs to be approved, but if it is you can nominate yourself and then there will be an election. The proposal calls for two recent alumni graduates, elected either every year or two years. The GSG hasn't approved this, but one can find the proposal here.

Other: Also note that in case of Tigertransit bus delays, check the Rider App under Announcements or Call First Transit in the Princeton App listed under Transit->Info.

6. Storm Preparedness

David: In the past with storms we have had power outages. We're not connected to the campus internet or power systems, so just a reminder to be prepared for power or internet outages of potentially several days. Please see the recent e-mail that Mark sent out about this.

7. Lakeside Garden

Kyle: If you want to garden, wait until the garden coordinator sends out plot applications in the spring, and you can apply. You can select how much you want, and then plots are assigned by the garden coordinator based on supply and demand. We grow from May 1 to about late November. The only cost is an upfront fee of about \$20 that is half refundable at the end of the year if you clean up and follow the rules.

8. Providing Feedback to Lakeside Architects

Michael: The design firm that made Lakeside is looking to attend a future town hall meeting in order to get feedback from residents about their designs and choices. University Housing would like to help with this so we'll be sending out an email setting this up.

9. Scope of Committee

Resident: What is the scope and biggest impact of the committee? How much power does the committee have?

David: Our primary function is to advocate for issues that affect Lakeside residents with the appropriate parties such as University Housing, the Graduate School, and ACC. For example, the Committee secured funding and organized the building of raised beds in the Lakeside Garden this past year. The Committee also plans several social events throughout the academic year in order to foster community among Lakeside residents. In previous years, the Committee has helped address residents' concerns over various issues including utilities billing and internet service at Lakeside.

10. Package Delivery

Resident: Packages are often left outside, can delivery drivers be given access, can we do something about it?

Mark: So all regular delivery personnel such as USPS, UPS, and FedEx have access to each building, but Amazon does not always use regular delivery personal, so they are instructed to come to the main office first. They often don't do that though. Residents can also have packages sent directly to the main office. Please read the resident handbook, it has helpful information regarding package delivery.

David: In my experience it is only the Amazon delivery couriers who leave packages outside.

Resident: What about FedEx where they leave the slips on the door?

Mark: So that usually happens when a package needs to be signed for and it happens when it's not the regular delivery driver.

Resident: But why can't they call?

Mark: It depends on the driver. The regular delivery drivers have temporary university ID's and can come in, but sometimes there are other drivers who don't take the time to come up to the main office.

Resident: Maybe the best way is to have it sent to the office, that way the main staff can accept it.

David: So there is obviously a balance, as we don't want to give access to a wide range of people.

Resident: Is it possible to have the people who deliver perishables let people know where they left it? I had an experience where the delivery people dropped it off in another building and the food spoiled.

David: So the best way is perhaps to have it dropped off at the main office with Mark or Gloria.

Resident: I had a similar experience, but fixed it by leaving instructions on the online delivery form.