

Lakeside Town Hall Meeting, May 19, 2021

Time of the meeting: 4:00 pm

Notes were taken by: Sara Sussman

Present at the meeting:

Committee members

Chair: Will Smith - present

Vice Chair: Julia Marino -absent

Secretary: Sara Sussman -present

Treasurer: Emily Cuddy - present

Social Chair: Lindsay Willmore - present

Webmaster: Matheus V. X. Ferreira - present

Garden Coordinator: Jessica Wilson - present

External Relations Delegate: Maria Curria -present

University

Kevin Fleming

Michelle Ruggia

Cindy Suter

ACC (American Campus Communities)

Mark Clemmons

Gloria Yuen

Alexis Bonilla

Residents

Yifan Zhang

Solar Panel Project

-Discussion of ongoing solar panel construction project for Lakeside. The solar panel installation project is starting in the next few days. Lakeside building managers are working to get the specific days/hours when the crane will be in front of the garage (and therefore the garage will be inaccessible to residents) ahead of time and then send these days/hours out to all residents. The project is being done throughout campus parking lots in a phased implementation. Right now the solar panel installation is underway in Lot 20, reminder to residents that they can park in Lot 16 or Lot 23 as alternates to Lot 20 if necessary.

Resident Messages

-Update on status of re-opening the Lakeside basketball and sand volleyball courts: since local and national COVID-19 safety guidelines are changing over the past few days, Lakeside management is still negotiating how to safely re-open the Lakeside basketball and sand volleyball courts to residents and graduate students. Since the general public came to use the courts last summer (and we want to prevent the spread of COVID-19) we are trying to come up with a plan to make sure that the courts can be reopened safely for residents and graduate students.

-Update on the status of lockers for residents in the Lakeside Common Area: the Lakeside management has denied the residents' request to install lockers in the Lakeside Common Area, for reasons related to liability, cost and space.

Book Club

-The second Book Club meeting will be in June, after the successful first meeting last month. Interested residents should look for a sign up email in their inbox from lakesidecomm@princeton.edu which will be sent in the coming weeks.

Garden

-The summer gardening has begun, there are several new items and improvements: there is a new shovel, there are new pavers to help with walking on the muddy pathway, there is a new kneeling pad for those who have back problems (so that should make the garden more accessible). Also, the spigot by the garden is fixed and the old spigot key was replaced with a new one.

-The garden will be used for two social events over the coming months, one will be an event for children (a storybook walk through the garden) and the other is a garden tour with lemonade that is detailed in the below “Summer programming” section.

CSA

-The farm has determined that Summer 2021 CSA begins on 6/1 this year, not 5/25 as they previously had stated. We will send out an additional email to see if more residents want to sign up for the CSA in this interim period before the CSA begins.

Summer Programming

-Lindsay: Next week there will be a Lakeside garden tour with lemonade and mint/rosemary/lavender fresh from the garden, up to 20 residents will sign up in advance and there will be some snacks too. Whatever day looks like it has the nicest weather for, next Monday-Wednesday, we could do multiple days if there is a lot of interest, it will be around the hours of 5-7 pm. We will send out an email with a signup document to residents shortly.

-Our aim is to have one event a month over the summer. We are currently brainstorming ideas. One idea: an outdoor movie night with a projector and a screen (we are coming up with a scheme to make sure we don't disturb the overall neighborhood with the sound from the movie)

Open Forum

Yifan Zhang: What's been going on with the Lakeside burglaries?

Gloria (General Manager of Lakeside): We will provide information when we can about the recent burglaries, as of now Public Safety is still investigating it. We can only report on what Public Safety has allowed us to report on. Public Safety have increased their patrols at Lakeside. We're encouraging residents to lock their doors when leaving/entering their houses. Last week we have done random door checks throughout Lakeside to make sure that the doors are locked and if they are unlocked, reminding residents to lock their doors (particularly because the new electronic keys require you to manually lock the door behind you, whereas the old keys did not require that).

Yifan Zhang: Is there a way to make the new electronic key system analogous to the old system where the doors automatically lock?

Gloria: Unfortunately with this system, not that we know of. We can look into it.

