

Tabler Estates HOA – Safety Committee Meeting Notes

16-OCT-2019

Opening

The regular meeting of the Tabler Estates HOA – Safety Committee Meeting Notes was called to order at 6:30pm on 16-OCT-2019 at 496 Fantasia Road by Greg Sanchez. Meeting concluded at 9:15pm

Present

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| 1. Greg Sanchez | 9. Tiffany Sommer |
| 2. Jessica Sanchez | 10. Wally Whittington (teleconference) |
| 3. Judy Glascock | 11. |
| 4. Mike Glascock | 12. |
| 5. Christine Dellinger | 13. |
| 6. Dave Mohile | 14. |
| 7. Kathy Lee | 15. |
| 8. Brian Butcher | |

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS FOR ACTION (VOTING/IMPLEMENTATION):

Item 1: Mr. Sanchez discussed the concern of several neighbors regarding the overpopulation of deer in the neighborhood and it appears to be getting worse every year. The deer are not only an annoyance but can also be considered a hazard with the spread of deer ticks to children and pets; seeing all the deer in large groups in our neighborhood during a drive home is visual proof of the issue.

- Dave Mohill is a resident of Tablers Estates and is willing to survey each home to find out:
 - 1. Which properties would allow hunting
 - 2. Which properties that allow recovery of game
 - 3. Which properties are off limits
- There are deer tick concern citing their children that like to play outside where increased deer population can saturate the area with deer ticks.
- Timing of the normal deer season is not a concern for this effort
- Homeowners are encouraged to participate and would be allowed up to 7 deer total (does not count against their hunting licenses)
- No firearms within 500 feet of a residence
- All field dressing would occur off-site (meaning not within the subdivision)
- Lots allowing the urban hunt program would be assigned by the coordinator. A homeowner would be assigned their own property; and possibly others
- If outside hunters are allowed to participate, they would be assigned specific lots and would have to make contact with the owners to establish their rules, etc.
- Parking permits would have to be displayed in hunters' vehicles
- Hunting (archery only) would be done from an elevated position
- Special Urban Deer Archery/Crossbow Season: This season, which may be implemented within incorporated limits of a city, town or village, opens 21 days prior to the opening of the statewide deer archery season and closes on the last day in December

MEETING DISCUSSIONS (ITEM 1):

Dave Mohile discussed the following:

- Too late for 2019 season; if approved, it wouldn't be until the 2020 urban hunting season
- Bow hunting only
- Berkeley county has a problem with diseased deer and ticks
- Only lots with trees would even be considered (only elevated archery, for safety reasons)
- Dave Mohile is willing to create an informative package to be distributed to the board for distribution and to see how lots vote on this subject **ACTION**
- Deadline for HOA to apply is March 1 of the calendar year for the upcoming season

Item 2: Speeding in the neighborhood is still occurring on a frequent basis and residents are reporting them on the 'Neighbors of Tablers Estates' Facebook page. The Safety board requests that all occurrences be sent to Greg Sanchez and he will follow up with each one appropriately.

INCIDENT: 26-SEP: Between 7:45-7:55 AM at the intersection of Fantasia and gala. The bus was approaching the stop and the kids began to get out of the cars. The car sped up so she could bypass the bus when my son stepped out in front of her not realizing the burgundy ford was coming. (My son is six, in first grade.) the car beside of us also had a child exiting the SUV. We all blew our horn and they stopped for a second. We exited our cars and they sped off again. Ms Kathy, the bus driver, slowed down to see what the car was doing.

RESOLUTION: This driver was confronted; record of discussion "She claimed she saw the children on the left but not my child crossing the street and slowed down to 20 mph and didn't speed up to miss the bus. I explained to her that she 20 mph is still over the speed limit in our community and we are neighbors and can work this out in a neighborly fashion. She apologized and we accepted her apology. I also informed her that we are keeping a close eye on cars during bus times and we are parking further in the road to ensure cars have to slow down."

INCIDENT: 02-OCT: Resident was passed by a gray Nissan Altima around 7:00AM on Fantasia headed toward Gala. Resident they are pretty sure the car came out of Cahill Ct. Green Jeep Compass was trailing.

RESOLUTION: NONE

INCIDENT: 06-OCT: Resident was passed by a car right after the 4-way stop at Gala/McDonald. The car pulled into 335 Granny Apple Way.

INCIDENT: 13-OCT: White minivan from 335 Granny Apple Way passed the same resident as soon as they turned right onto Gala from Fantasia.

RESOLUTION: Greg Sanchez reached out to Berkeley County Sheriff. This driver needs to be reported as a reckless driver with a TAG number EVERY time it happens. Passing in the neighborhood is NOT ok. Please capture the action and identity of the driver. Berkeley County/State Police CAN do something about it at that point.

POSSIBLE OPTIONS:

Speed Bumps:

Pros/cons:

- Speed bumps would deter speeding in localized spots
- Speed bumps would create hazard for snow plows (portable ones could be removed) and for low profile cars (even at low speeds this can result in damages for some of today's vehicles).
- Hazard for trailers when crossing the bumps.
- Possible homeowners are turned off by speed bumps; affecting resale values of homes (Opinion captured by 3 real estate agents)
- To prevent drive-arounds, we would need to mitigate preventions.

Radars Signs: <https://www.radarsign.com/options-and-accessories/solar-power-radar-speed-sign/>



Pros/cons:

- Costly
- Typical speed reductions are 10-20%
- Localized attention; can't afford to place them all over neighborhood
- Able to report stats

Report unsafe commercial drivers (UPS/FEDEX) to the company

Create reasonable HOA rules that allow collection of fines for speeding (only applicable to homeowners)

Capture video of reckless driving and report to police

Signage for awareness

- Scrolling LED signs at entrances; for all types of messages
- Consider placing signs at the entrance of Gala and McDonald that our community is under surveillance. It would be a cost-effective deterrent to crime and possibly speeding in the neighborhood.



Consolidation of some school bus stops to eliminate the Fantasia/Gala issues

MEETING DISCUSSIONS (ITEM 2):

- Speeding and improper driving was overwhelmingly a concern by attendees of the meeting.
- Dave Mohile offered the idea of replacing some of the STOP signs with real DOT STOP signs that reflect at night.
VOTE
- Greg Sanchez reports that he had called Berkeley County Sheriff regarding speeding in the neighborhood. They informed him that they need to either see the occurrence, or a video showing the action and the driver. At that point, they could act.
- Greg Sanchez is in contact with the Berkeley County Sheriff to discuss a possible Neighborhood Watch program
- The Glasscock family expressed concern over continuous speeding issues by multiple residences. She requests a formal letter from the HOA to warn of possible future HOA speeding actions if speeding continues. Also, parking in the cul-de-sac is common making it difficult to maneuver, at times. Phil Cogar's equipment has been parked in the cul-de-sac for 2-months. **ACTION**
- Suggestions to combat speeding (All would need board approval):
 - o Mobile radar sign **VOTE**
 - o Letters to each resident **ACTION**
 - o Change neighborhood speed limit to 25MPH. Will need to contact WV state law for max/min that an HOA can post **VOTE**
 - o Speedbumps **VOTE**
 - Would possibly reduce speeding
 - Need removal/replacement if it snows
 - Advice from local real estate agents: they will reduce home values
 - Certain speedbumps are ok with Berkeley County school buses
- Discussed creation of HOA rules and regulations to assess fines for reckless driving in the neighborhood. Need to speak to lawyer for liability.

OTHER DISCUSSIONS:

- Signs displayed showing “homes under 24-hour surveillance” at entrances **VOTE**
- LED billboard signs at entrances to broadcast important messages was not overwhelmingly accepted by attendants.
- Facebook page limited to Tablers Estates Residences; this idea was overwhelmingly accepted. Multiple members offered to be admin/backup admin **VOTE/ACTION**
- HOA will have “drive like your kids live here” signs made and installed. **(RAN OUT OF TIME AT MEETING – FOR YOUR AWARENESS)**