

# EUTAW FOREST ANNUAL MEETING

## Meeting Minutes

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*Date | time* June 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m. | *Meeting called to order by* Paige Quillin, President

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### In Attendance

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Paige Quillin, President

Stephanie Hession, Treasurer

Jenny Roberson, Secretary

Eric Shelton, Neighborhood Watch

Briel Banks, Member

Vanessa Brown, Member

Robert Tavares, Member

Absent:

Mike Stringer, Vice President

Dena Langley, Member

Katie Shelton, Member

Hayley Bacon, Member

Ashleigh Stovall, Member

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### Approval of Minutes

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The motion to approve meeting minutes from 2019 was passed and approved. There was no 2020 meeting due to COVID restrictions.

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### Opening & Welcome

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Board President Paige Quillin opened the meeting with a welcome to all residents.

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### Community Safety – Neighborhood Watch

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Charles County Sheriff Corporal Gilroy shared the importance for the neighborhood to work together to address the concerns in our neighborhood. Policing is a joint effort and requires for residents to participate and be

proactive. The more reports filed with the sheriff's office will demonstrate the need for the sheriff's office to dispatch out an officer to further investigate. Even if you cannot identify the perp still important to file a complaint to track and locate or see if there is an ongoing issue in the area – this is also part of the community policing to check the ongoing patterns and work with the community to try to prevent it all from happening.

She reported that the Sheriff's office to further investigate the speeding complaint in our neighborhood will try to be bring a speed trailer to assess speed and will make people aware of the speed limits. The next goal will be to get traffic enforcement. It was agreed by all attending residents that for traffic enforcement violators would not receive a warning violation, they would receive a penalty/fine ticket on the spot.

She reported right now there is a shortage of manpower in the special units but will do their best to address all our concerns. On the topic of disturbance and violation of noise ordinance – the sheriffs can address violations of over 50 decibels; only after a 3<sup>rd</sup> complaint the officer will bring a decibel reader to file an official complaint against the resident.

For ATV, motorbikes and speeding through the neighborhood, she stated they should be reported when occurring– if you continue see the same vehicle, motor bike it is important to describe and report.

The Non-Emergency Number to call is: 301-609-6255

In the future Sgt Alpert will be assigned to our neighborhood.

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## Budget Treasurer Report

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HOA Treasurer Stephanie Hession reviewed with everyone the annual budget category describing how there was savings due to the online activity versus in person during the quarantine period. She also stated that she has been diligently trying to send emails acknowledging receipt of payment to residents.

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## President's Report

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HOA Paige Quillin reported

New Business

- Ditch on Seven Pines and Eutaw Forest Road needs attention but because of quarantine very little attention was able to be given to its repair. Right now, we are facing that it will be a significant cost between \$10 to \$15 thousand, however, we will remain proactive on the issue and ensure it is addressed this year.
- Compliance Checks – notice to all residents that compliance checks are completed quarterly and are important to be done to maintain the esthetics of our neighborhood.
- Understanding of the Covenants – as a reminder the Board can only act on items that are specifically addressed in the Covenants. There are times that we are asked to deal with issues that we have no oversight over. Paige reminded residents that it is important for all residents to become familiar and understand the neighborhood covenants. All residents are expected to abide by the covenants, they are available at our website <https://www.eutawforest.com/faq-s-about-covenants>
- Animal control - residents are reminded that they are not to let their pets roam free in the community. Animals are also to be leashed and residents are expected to clean up after their pets. If you see a loose dog, please call animal control- it is important to have these instances documented with the county if further action needs to be taken
- Call for Board Members – The Eutaw Forest HOA is an all-volunteer board and for us to continue to have the low annual dues and maintain control of our neighborhood it requires the involvement and

participation of our residents. Board members must be present for 3 board meetings/annual meeting; help with events; mailers; inspections and any other assignment that needs to be done. Eutaw Forest is still one of the most sought-after communities – please encourage others to join the board. Finally, a reminder to all residents that the best and most expeditious way to contact the HOA Board is via email to [EutawForest20603@gmail.com](mailto:EutawForest20603@gmail.com)

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## Board Secretary Reports

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Jenny Roberson reminded residents that it is important to obtain prior approval for all home improvements or changes. To ensure you do your research and see if you may need county permits to any of the planned changes, and then submit a complete package along with a completed ARC form, found on the website, to the Architectural Review Committee prior to any changes being made. These include such changes such as additions, cosmetic changes, fencing, siding, shutter changes, driveway changes, pools and more (please refer to your HOA handbook). This must be submitted prior to work starting, responses or questions from the ARC Committee will be to you in 2 weeks.

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## Neighborhood Watch – Speed Control

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Eric Shelton – has been looking into the installation of speed control for over one year. To assess the speed, they will be setting up speed capturing devices between Eutaw Forest and Captain Dement and may extend to other streets to assess the speed. From there the County will start the evaluation process with help from the neighborhood to see if we qualify for speed humps. Traffic calming programs – a new program just enacted in 2017 by the County and is a point-based system. Please refer to our website to review and read the County's complete document.

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## Announcements

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We will be discussing social events for our neighborhood

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## Next Meeting

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Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.