**EPMA Monthly Meeting**

**July 22, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

Present were: Lydia Lewis, Gil Lowery, Darcel Browning, Samantha Gomez, Myrtle Palmer and Sandy Helms.

Lydia opened the meeting.

Minutes from the June Board meetings were approved.

Darcel Browning gave the following Treasurer’s report:

Reconciled Reserve Fund from June 30, 2021 $131,360.51

$15/month X 110 properties $ 1,650.00

Interest Income $ 1.09

**Reserved Fund (Money Market) Balance June 30, 2021 $ 133,011.60**

**Operating Fund (Checking) Balance – June 30, 2021 $ 32,043.71** .

Treasurer’s report was approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Gate and Gate House:** A truck from Decks, Docks & Lumber damaged the reflector and the planter at the front gate. Sixtos repaired the planter and the company paid for the damage.

Myrtle reported that Eastern Access will do maintenance on our gate twice a year and will be available if needed for additional consultation.

**Lights:** No report

**Tennis Courts:** no report

**Landscaping:** Gil gave the following report on removing the Silver Maple trees around the Circle:

In the past 6 – 7 years the HOA Board of Directors have brought up this subject causing damage to our sidewalks. At least three residents have tripped on the raised sidewalk edges and two of them received painful injuries. The Board has had the limbs of the Silver Maple trees around the Circle trimmed/pruned/cut back in the hopes that the procedure would slow the root growth of the trees to avoid further damage to the sidewalks. In reality, that procedure actually sped up the root growth according to the tree experts we have consulted on this project. Over the years we have discussed, surveyed and studied the problem caused by the Silver Maples damaging the Emerald Circle sidewalks. This week Board members, accompanied by Dennis with Tree Masters of Cape Carteret, walked around Emerald Circle and determined that a minimum of eleven (11) of the trees must be removed immediately before more damage occurs. It was further determined that over time all of the 21 trees are subject to cause further damage to the sidewalks and should be removed. I met with John Edmondson, Town Planner, Town of Emerald Isle and his recommendation is: Upon review of the request to remove the existing maples, I concur with the safety issues being caused by the root systems to the sidewalks. These trees will be ok to remove and replaced with the crepe myrtles as discussed.

After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to have all the trees cut down. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Irrigation:** No report.

**Architectural Committee:**  No report

**Club House:** New chaise lounges have been delivered – finally,

**Social Committee:** No report.

**Boat Storage:** No Report

**Canal:**  The aerator needs cleaning out again.

**Pet Poop:**  **Please pick up your dog poop.**

**Boat Dock:** no report

**Meeting was adjourned.**