

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is upon us and summer is fast approaching. Last October we saw the fury of Hurricane Matthew and we hope that everyone was well prepared and fared well during the storm. It's during the challenging times that neighbors are at their best and pull together for each other.

My name is Doug Dilts, and I have been appointed to be the President of The Quiet Place in the Country, Inc. I want to introduce myself to the neighborhood and tell you a little about me. My family and I have been residents of the neighborhood for the past 24 years. I am extremely honored and humbled to be appointed as the president of the association. I want to see the neighborhood, thrive, heal, and be an example of how a vibrant neighborhood should be while striving to be progressive and a best practice. I hope to stay true to the history and character that has made A Quiet Place in the Country a wonderful place to live.

The newly appointed Vice President is Tim Hoover, Secretary is Allison Sava, and Treasurer is Russ Morin. Bill Maresco has graciously volunteered to serve as a member-at-large. When the new Board of Directors were appointed on April 27, 2017, due to the former directors resigning, there were a couple of obligations the association had to address and I want to discuss some of those issues in this letter. Before I do, I first want to thank and commend the prior board for their service. Being a member of the board is a voluntary position and it often comes with a multitude of challenges. Being able to serve the community you live in is one of the greatest joys you can have, and the previous board approached their service with passion and a sense of doing what they felt was right.



The first item the new board wants to do is continue to work with the Kistemaker Business Law Group to identify which homeowner's are voting members of the corporation; which is determined by "root of title." The need to identify "voting members" arose from the last homeowner's meeting (8/7/16) when a motion was made and supported by a small group of homeowners to dissolve and do away with the corporation (A Quiet Place in the Country, Inc.) and donate the remaining funds to charity.

Another item the new board wishes to concentrate on is the ability to keep maintaining the north and south entrances.

Some maintenance items include:

- Improvements, maintenance and repair of the mechanical system, electrical system, sprinkler system, pump, and well at the front entrances
- Maintenance and repair of the signs; including associated lighting
- Maintenance and repair of the landscaping, including the mowing along the frontage road (SR 415)
- Maintain common area utilities, i.e. streetlights
- General insurance
- Communication services

In order to accomplish these items, we will need to continue to maintain funding from our fellow homeowners. Therefore, we will be sending out a letter requesting contributions. These letters have been typically mailed out the first of every year. In addition to the two entrances, these contributions would also be used for additional items like maintaining public areas such as the bench at the bus stop for our neighborhood children, a bike rack so they are able to secure their bicycles each day, and neighborhood participation activities. Requests for contributions should be going out within the next thirty (30) days.

This board will use the A Quiet Place in the Country website <http://aquietplacehoa.com/index.html> as a “one stop shop” for all information concerning the neighborhood. This site will be updated in the near future and will contain information on upcoming events, meetings, minutes, agendas, treasurer’s reports, community information, etc. The site will also have contact information for every board member as well. Please keep in mind, this site is a work in progress and will be continually updated and modernized over time. It is the best way to know what is going on in the neighborhood and to contact the board about any issues you believe we need to address or any concerns you may have. We encourage all residents to utilize the site as much as possible and give us feedback on how we can make it better. If any member of our neighborhood does not have the resources to be able to access the website we will look at making the information available in a hard copy format as needed.

In moving forward, it is this board’s intention to not only be the most transparent organization but also to set a best practice on how to conduct the members’ business. I encourage any and all of the members of the association to contact myself or any member of the board with questions or suggestions. There is a mountain of knowledge and experience in our neighborhood and many residents have served on the HOA board or a committee of some sort. We encourage your feedback and ideas to improve the neighborhood and continue the friendly atmosphere that has defined A Quiet Place in the Country in the past.

We are looking to getting back to our roots by doing other fun and family friendly events in the future such as the annual family picnic, Holiday light decorating contest, fall hayrides, and more. We will need volunteers and participants to make these events a success, so please look to the website for more details. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the neighborhood and the entire board and I look forward to meeting and getting to know as many of you as we can.

Sincerely,

Doug Dilts
President
A Quiet Place in the Country, Inc.