

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Living in a community comes with certain privileges and responsibilities. Having good neighborly relationships does not take much - but it does take reaching across the yard to have honest conversations and being willing to see things from the other side. What will NOT result in a healthy happy community is snide malicious gossip and attacks carried out on social media.

If anyone has a responsibility to reach across the yard, it is the POA Board of Directors. If there is anyone who should have a greater responsibility to show restraint, it is the POA President.

The litigation that, we as a community, are facing, is not due to one family as I keep hearing it characterized. But rather, a dismal failure to sit down and calmly discuss, one on one, at what rational agreement can we arrive? Unfortunately, multiple failures at many junctions have created this mess but it is most certainly NOT the responsibility of one family – nor the many families who have consulted attorneys. It is a failure to take a measured and calm approach to making a drastic change to an existing park without following the bylaws or the member approved budget.

Further, the litigation we are facing as a community could have been avoided by simply doing what any Chapter 617 organization must do – show the full financial picture as requested. This is something that any concerned homeowner might request when faced with simple evidence of a failure to follow the budget that the community voted on. Please note the POA Board's own budget enclosed in the most recent ballot citing an overage of \$60,000.00 year end 2025. In fact, the community voted on a budget that was ignored by the Board when they decided to install the dock, despite 26 members signing a petition requesting that we take the time to ensure that the community even wants this unauthorized spending.

Moving our neighborhood forward is going to require a kind, patient, and rational approach to careful deliberations of all sides of the issues and listening to all homeowners – not just those who agree with our own position.

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