

Forest Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2009

I. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Forest Lake Community Association at 7:30 p.m. on July 14, 2009 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Maija Boriss, Mike Doody, Brian Drommer, Steve Gray, Jill Hughes, Steve Libby, Steve Norman, Tom Phillippsen, Angie Schroedel, and Laura Tegtmeier.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the June meeting were approved as distributed.

IV. Officers' Reports / Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report – Steve Gray

- Will cover everything in later topics.

B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

\$10,000 was transferred into the checking account for end-of-year expenses.

Checking Acct.:	\$ 17,337.24
High Yield Acct.:	\$111,153.47
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,816.76
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 23,315.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$170,622.47

C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- Collected dues stand at 59%, which is an 11% decline from last year.

D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold.

- The newsletter was completed. The next one will go out before Halloween.

E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn.

- No report.

F. Lake Report – Mike Doody

- Lake in good shape. Fishing is good.

G. Parks Report – Pat DeGeorge

- No report.
- H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss
 - No report.
- I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray
 - Everything OK.
- J. Activities Report – Laura Tegtmeier
 - Venetian Night planning is in the works. Will work with Marci to hold an open house event this year.
- K. Government Report – Jill Hughes
 - Ela Township has finished phase 2 of the paving work in Forest Lake. Remaining streets are scheduled for next year.
 - Lake County Board is voting to accept appointments for the vacant Board seats tonight: Aaron Lawlor for District 18 (includes north portion of Forest Lake), and Craig Taylor for District 19 (includes south portion of Forest Lake).
- L. Community Center Report/Rentals
 - July 25th – Parking lot only. Approved.
 - July 23rd – UDPREP meeting and rain garden visit. Approved.
 - Past renter complained about the condition of the CC. Angie Schroedel motioned to refund the rental fee. Laura Tegtmeier seconded and the motion carried.

V. **Old Business**

- A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment

The surveyor is currently out of town. Will follow-up upon his return.
- B. Development/Infill

No update.
- C. Pumping of Storm Water into Forest Lake

Bill Kruckenberg is working with Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) to get the original pipes repaired/replaced.
- D. Cleaning of siding at C.C. Building

Work was completed, but the old siding is still faded compared to the new siding. We will wait one year to see if the new siding fades to match better.
Recommend trimming the large bushes on the west side of the building.
- E. Marketing/Communication workgroup

Website re-design work is in progress.

VI. New business

A. Incorporation

Steve Gray provided a brief history on the situation: In 2005, Dartmoor Homes approached Kildeer with plans for the development of the NE corner of Quentin and IL-22. Kildeer would not accept the development as planned, so Dartmoor approached Lake County. Through the work of FLCA, Lake County required that the development secure a municipal water source (i.e. no private wells) and that the roads would not connect through Forest Lake.

As the economy soured, Dartmoor wanted to change the IL-22 frontage to commercial zoning, but the County refused. Dartmoor then approached Hawthorn Woods for possible annexation, hoping to gain “favorable” re-zoning. Dartmoor filed a petition for annexation, which included 16 parcels in Forest Lake to build contiguity to Hawthorn Woods. Those residents went to court in June—with FLCA paying the legal expenses—to fight the petition. The court ruled to allow the petition to proceed and an appeal was filed. The appeal will be heard by the 2nd District Court of Appeals in Elgin, likely in December or January.

The only permanent solution to additional forced annexation of Forest Lake properties is to incorporate as our own village. To do this, we would require the permission of all surrounding villages as well as the Lake County Board. A petition for incorporation must include signatures of 250 registered voters who are *residents* (instead of owners) in Forest Lake. September 17th is the filing deadline to get the referendum on the March 2010 ballot. The referendum for incorporation would require a simple majority of the votes cast by Forest Lake resident voters to pass.

As an incorporated village, the intent would be to have as little change as possible to Forest Lake and to have minimal government.

Jill Hughes motioned to hold a special informational event for Forest Lake residents to learn more about the incorporation process. Steve Norman seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The event will be held on Sunday, August 2nd at 2:00 PM. We will organize the signature collection teams for the ballot and possibly begin collecting signatures and registering people to vote.

B. Other New Business

None.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. (Motioned by Tegtmeier; seconded by Norman).

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: 8/14/09