

Forest Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2009

I. Call to Order

Chairman Steve Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Forest Lake Community Association at 7:32 p.m. on September 8, 2009 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Maija Boriss, Brian Drommer, Steve Gray, Jill Hughes, Steve Libby, Patrick Lynn, Angie Schroedel, and Laura Tegtmeier.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the August meeting were not read. They will be approved at the October meeting.

IV. Officers' Reports / Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report – Steve Gray

- The two new Lake County Board members who serve Forest Lake were invited to speak to the association. Aaron Lawlor serves the 18th District, which covers areas north of Lakeside and Willow. Craig Taylor serves the 19th District, which covers the southern portion of Forest Lake. Each representative listed his background and accomplishments. Mr. Taylor encouraged everyone to visit the new and improved Lake County web site (<http://www.lakecountyl.gov>) and to sign up on the email list for their county representative. He also announced that Heron Creek would be holding a ribbon-cutting this weekend.
- Mr. Taylor and Mr. Lawlor answered questions from the audience. Many complaints focused on poor response and enforcement by the Building/Zoning Department.
- Steve Gray explained the situation with the drainage at the Vassallo property and asked if Mr. Lawlor could help the township to complete the task.
- Carol Sullivan asked what can be done about condemned or foreclosed homes that are in poor condition. Mr. Lawlor said that he will be happy to help if we are not getting adequate response from B&Z.

B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

Payments to the attorney (around \$20,000) are due soon, and are not yet reflected in the account balances.

Checking Acct.:	\$ 21,006.09
High Yield Acct.:	\$101,602.70
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,816.76
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 23,315.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$164,740.65

C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- Only 59% of owners have paid 2009 dues.

D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold.

- Jim passed around a draft for review. The newsletter will go out prior to the Halloween event.

E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn.

- The new web site is still being developed.

F. Lake Report – Mike Doody

- No report.

G. Parks Report – Pat DeGeorge

- No report.

H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- The area around Old McHenry and Forest Drive needs work.
- It appears that 3-4 of the new arborvitae may have been installed improperly, with plastic on the root balls. These will be fixed.

I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray

- Bills for attorney and insurance are both due and should be paid as soon as possible.

J. Activities Report – Laura Tegtmeier

- Halloween parade will take place Sunday, October 25th at 3:00 pm. As usual, a fire truck will lead the parade, starting at the south park.
- We are looking for a volunteer to organize an “open house” event.

K. Government Report – Jill Hughes

- Ela Township is performing an audit of the gravesites in the cemeteries. They will identify any open plots that could be made available for sale.

L. Community Center Report/Rentals

- Nothing to report.

V. Old Business

A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment

Land is being surveyed. Next, any materials that do not belong on the property will be removed or relocated. Then, bollards will be placed at the ends of each footpath. The paths will be maintained as mown grass (where possible). Note that the footpath land has been there for 75 years and all neighbors should have been aware of their existence, even before the registered letters were sent. Any plats of survey that show anything different should be addressed with the appropriate title insurance company.

B. Development/Infill

No update.

C. Pumping of Storm Water into Forest Lake

No update.

D. Other Old Business

None.

VI. New business

A. Incorporation Update

Language has been given to our attorney for a bill to allow Forest Lake to incorporate. The first date that it could come up for discussion will be October 16th. The next step would be to obtain signatures for a petition to put the item on the ballot at the next election.

The intent of incorporating is to maintain our independence and protect us from the higher taxation of the neighboring communities that could annex us in the future.

Minimal government is seen as the desire of Forest Lake residents and that would be the goal in setting up a new village government. The target rate of the property taxes would be .25 - .33%, which is around \$250 on a \$300,000 house. Neighboring communities all have higher rates.

B. Dartmoor / Kildeer Estates Update

Originally, there were 21 petitioners (19 are residents) asking to be annexed into Hawthorn Woods. Of those, 18 have signed a letter reversing their intent. The letter has been sent to Hawthorn Woods.

FLCA will file a "stay" in court on September 16th.

The eighteen resident-owners will pursue annexation into Kildeer if/when they are able to stop the annexation into Hawthorn Woods.

Once the Kildeer Estates subdivision is annexed by any of the neighboring villages, Forest Lake will be completely surrounded by incorporated entities. This puts us into a different set of annexation rules and would mean that any

of those villages could annex up to 60 acres of Forest Lake properties at a time without vote or recourse.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. (Motion to adjourn by Angie Shroedel;
Seconded by Maija Boriss)

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: October 13, 2009