

# **Forest Lake Community Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

October 13, 2009

### **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Steve Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Forest Lake Community Association at 7:31 p.m. on October 13, 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, Patrick Lynn, Steve Norman, and Angie Schroedel.

### **III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the August and September meetings were approved as written. (Motion made by Steve N.; seconded by Steve G.; approved unanimously)

### **IV. Officers' Reports / Committee Reports**

#### A. Chairman's Report – Steve Gray

- Will be covered under New Business.

#### B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

Checking Acct.:	\$ 26,825.51
High Yield Acct.:	\$ 62,802.11
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,916.76
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 23,315.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$131,859.38

#### C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- Still at 61% paid membership.
- The board voted to hold the dues for 2010 at the present amount, which is \$150 per household or \$140 if paid before 1/1/2010. Sticker fees will also remain unchanged. (Motion by Steve Norman; Seconded by Steve Gray; passed unanimously)

#### D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold.

- Newsletter went out.

#### E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn.

- A member asked if we could post the meeting minutes on the FLCA website. The board approved this request. (motion made by Steve Libby; seconded by Maija Boriss; approved unanimously)

F. Lake Report – Mike Doody

- Fish will arrive within the next 10 days.
- Mike will approach the owner of the home on Lakeside (23764?) to see about removal of debris (dock/tree) that birds are using for fishing.

G. Parks Report – Mike Doody

- The park sign at Steinken Park is broken. Mike will get a quote to repair/replace it and will file a report with the Sheriff if it appears that the damage was caused by vandalism.

H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- Work was done at Highland and Quentin to replace some of the plantings with ones better suited to the location. This is a follow-up to the earlier removal of plants to improve traffic visibility.
- Restoration work was completed at Forest & Old McHenry where AT&T had done trench work.

I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray

- Nothing to report.

J. Activities Report – Angie Schroedel

- Halloween party/parade is ready to go. An announcement was in the newsletter and signs will go up. The Lake Zurich Fire Department has yet to commit a fire truck to lead the parade, as they are cutting expenses.

K. Government Report – Jill Hughes

- Nothing to report.

L. Community Center Report/Rentals

- Nothing to report.

**V. Old Business**

A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment

Surveying has been completed. Next, the bollards will be installed and brush will be cleared. Angie will obtain a new quote from Scott Simpson.

B. Development/Infill

No update.

C. Pumping of Storm Water into Forest Lake

Ela Township is still working on an agreement with the landowner to get the pipe and filter basins put in prior to next year's road work.

D. Marketing/Communication Workgroup

- Group is ready to work on revisions to web site.

- Group is looking for suggestions on content.
- Marci has offered to spearhead FLCA's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary party in 2010. Since the capacity of the Community Center is limited to 110 people, we will need to hold the event when it can be outdoors.
- The two residents who roasted a pig for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary have offered to roast one for the 75<sup>th</sup> as well.
- We will try to finalize a date for the event at the November meeting.

E. Other Old Business

None.

**VI. New business**

A. Dartmoor lawsuit

Steve Gray repeated the history of the annexation attempt and subsequent legal action. There are no substantial updates at this time.

B. Incorporation

Steve Gray explained why Forest Lake is seeking incorporation. Once Kildeer Estates is annexed, we'll be surrounded by municipalities. Different rules for annexation will then apply. Any property less than 60 acres can then be annexed without a vote or legal recourse. A neighboring municipality could begin "nibbling" pieces of Forest Lake. The FLCA board has voted to pursue incorporation to protect the character of Forest Lake and maintain our independence.

Steve explained the process for incorporation. First, an Illinois statute must be passed to allow Forest Lake to bypass the minimum size requirement for incorporation in Lake County. This is in process. Next, the residents must petition to place a referendum on the ballot at the next general election. A simple majority vote of the registered voters within the proposed boundaries is required to approve the referendum.

There are no known threats to annex any other portions of Forest Lake (besides the 16 parcels in the Dartmoor suit), but we must protect ourselves in advance. Once a move is made to annex, it would be too late to incorporate.

C. Other New Business

The Lake County Health Department, Environmental Health division has notified us that we're now required to license our beaches. As a not-for-profit, there will be no license fee, but we will have to meet certain requirements. Steve Gray is investigating.

**VII. Audience Comments**

- A resident thanked the board for fighting the annexation attempt.
- A resident asked if we had pursued a boundary agreement as an alternative to incorporation. Steve Gray responded that he did speak to Kildeer and Hawthorn

Woods. We would not be able to secure a long-term agreement that could not be overturned by the next village board.

- Residents asked if we had a proposed budget to operate as a village. Steve Gray highlighted the projected income: State funding at \$125 per resident (x 1,530 as of the most recent census) yields \$191,250. The 2010 census will boost that to \$250,000. With a property tax rate of .33%, the tax on a \$300,000 home would be roughly \$300 after exemptions and would yield \$198,000 in revenue for the village. We also would have income from fines/tickets from law enforcement, and permit fees from builders. Major expenses would be road maintenance (around \$113,000 per year; it varies with snowfall) and police protection. FLCA's current expenses are around \$62,000.
- A resident asked how this property tax rate compares to Hawthorn Woods. Our total tax rate would be 6.07, Hawthorn Woods is at 6.25, and Kildeer is at 7.01.
- The board was asked to collect and post an FAQ regarding incorporation on the FLCA website (<http://www.flcaonline.org>).

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. (Motion by Angie Schroedel; seconded by Jill Hughes; passed unanimously).

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: November 10, 2009