

# **Forest Lake Community Association**

## **Meeting Minutes**

December 8, 2009

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

Chairman Steve Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Forest Lake Community Association at 7:34 p.m. on December 8, 2009 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

### **II. Roll Call**

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

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

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.

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

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

- (Will be covered under “Old Business” items)

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

Checking Acct.:	\$ 16,446.49
High Yield Acct.:	\$ 63,537.99
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,916.76
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 23,315.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$122,216.24

#### C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- 62% paid dues in 2009, compared to 67% in 2008. Many who have not paid dues this year had been paying in prior years, indicating that the economy is having an effect.

#### D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold

- A draft of the newsletter is ready for review. We need to add an article on the status of the annexation. The newsletter will go out in the next couple of weeks.

#### E. Web site Report – Steve Gray

- The FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) has been posted on the website. We will add more content if more questions come up.

#### F. Lake Report

- Fish have been stocked.

- Lake County Health Department does not have budget to perform another survey of our lake next year.

G. Parks Report – Pat DeGeorge

- Nothing to report.

H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- Additional mulch was added.

I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray

- Nothing to report.

J. Activities Report – Laura Tegtmeier

- Breakfast with Santa will be held this Saturday. Polaroid film is no longer available, so we encourage parents to bring their own cameras.

K. Government Report – Jill Hughes

- Jill attended the IDOT open house to review the plans for the widening of Route 22 between Quentin and Hwy 83. She encouraged IDOT to improve Kildeer Creek in front of Kemper complex as part of the work.
- Ela Township has filed their tax levy request for 2010. They are requesting a small increase.

L. Community Center Report/Rentals

- Nothing to report.

**V. Old Business**

A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment

Steve Libby is getting quotes for the bollards. Twenty are required.

B. Development/Infill

No update.

C. Pumping of Storm Water into Forest Lake

The new storm sewers and sediment filter basins are being installed. Work will be completed soon.

D. Marketing/Communication workgroup

The group is working on a redesign of the website.

FLCA members are encouraged to join Facebook and sign up for access to the Forest Lake Neighbors group.

E. Dartmoor Lawsuit

We were unable to stop the petition for annexation. Winning an appeal is not likely, so we will not take any additional legal action at this time. As a clarification, the impacted Forest Lake properties are not yet part of Hawthorn Woods. The village board must vote on the proposed annexation. Our attorney will request 10 minutes at the Hawthorn Woods board meeting to make our

case against the annexation. Specifically, that only Dartmoor and two home owners want to be annexed into Hawthorn Woods. The next meeting is December 21<sup>st</sup>.

F. Incorporation

The matter can not go forward until the Illinois Legislature makes an exemption for Forest Lake's size.

G. Other Old Business

None.

**VI. New business**

A. None.

**VII. Audience Comments**

Q: When was the decision made to not file an appeal?

A: The decision was needed by December 4, which was prior to the next scheduled FLCA Board meeting. An appeal would cost around \$19,000.

Q: How many of the homeowners in the proposed area to be annexed have paid their dues?

A: All but two.

Q: Why haven't we pursued dues collection from those owners?

A: We needed all involved parties on our side, regardless if they were current with their dues.

Q: There is no record of the alleged offer that Hawthorn Woods made to the homeowners in Kildeer Estates, abating their taxes.

A: Yes there is. It is in the "expert's testimony".

Q: My email address is on file, but I haven't been receiving updates.

A: Please give your email address to Jill and we'll investigate.

Q: Is it true that someone has purchased one of the condemned homes on Overhill (23974 and 23980 Overhill)?

A: We haven't heard that, but it's certainly possible and legal to buy the property, even if the homes are, in fact, condemned.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. (Motion by Steve Libby; Seconded by Steve Norman)

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: January 12, 2010