

Forest Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2010

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 April 13, 2010 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

IV. Presentation on Lake Health

Kelly Deem, from the Lake County Health Department, Environmental Services presented an overview of the condition of Forest Lake, as well as a history of the testing that has been done and recommendations for the future.

Lake County monitors 163 lakes. Typically, a full report is done every five years for each lake. Forest Lake was sampled in 2000 (Full report), with follow-up reports in 2003 and 2006.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) used to run a voluntary water quality monitoring program. Now, Lake County runs it.

Forest Lake has been placed on the IEPA's "303d list" as impaired due to phosphorus levels. The IEPA is establishing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for most water bodies in the county, including Forest Lake. Their model will specify the allowable level of Total Phosphorus (TP) next year (2011).

Environmental Services can provide monthly testing of key parameters for \$1,000 per year. Steve Norman motioned to approve funds to contract with ES to do this. Tom Phillippsen seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

As discussed in previous meetings, FLCA's beaches are now required to be licensed by the County Health Department. They will perform weekly tests for fecal coliform. Beach closures would lead to daily testing until safe.

For more information about this topic, see:

<http://www.LakeCountyIL.gov/Health/want/BeachLakeInfo.htm>

and

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/tmdl/report/desplains-higgins-creek/stage-1-report.pdf>

V. Officers' Reports / Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report – Steve Gray

- Nothing to report.

B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

Checking Acct.:	\$ 14,584.21
High Yield Acct.:	\$109,445.51
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,974.30
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 23,315.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$166,319.02

C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- 55% of residents have paid. Payments are still trickling in.

D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold

- Newsletter went out in March. Next one scheduled for June/July.

E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn

- We are adding a page of local business information.

F. Lake Report – Lou DiNicola

- Lou will participate in the voluntary water testing program. Others are encouraged to get involved.
- Aerators are still off and will remain off until the lake is tested, water temperatures reach 54°F and plants begin to emerge.
- Spring fish stocking was done. 160 Walleye, 160 largemouth, and 160 smallmouth fingerlings were stocked at a cost of \$2,022.
- Lou will tour the Keystone fish hatchery on Saturday. Others are welcome to join.

G. Parks Report – Pat DeGeorge

- It has been reported that the cable securing the boats at the north beach has been cut. Pat will investigate.
- It is time to perform another cleanup of abandoned boats. Notice will be made, and then we will remove them. The law requires that they are disposed of, not sold.

H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- Last years' growth has been cut down at Highland/Quentin.
 - A resident complained about the condition of weeds/trash in the ROW along Old McHenry. She was encouraged to call Hawthorn Woods to complain, as they are responsible for maintaining both sides of the roadway.
- I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray
- Nothing to report.
- J. Activities Report – Angie Schroedel
- Easter Egg Hunt has 25-30 kids participating.
 - We are seeking volunteers to help plan FLCA's 75th anniversary party. Proposed date of the event is Saturday July 31st. Admission will be \$10 in advance or \$20 at the door (per family).
- K. Government Report – Jill Hughes
- Nothing to report.
- L. Community Center Report/Rentals
- A big “Thank You” to Roy Muller for voluntarily painting the community center and providing materials.
 - The board approved the following rental requests:
 - April 25 – Family party
 - May 15 – Graduation Party
 - May 30 – Graduation Party
 - May 31 – Graduation Party
 - June 27 – Military Graduation Party
 - The board approved a 50% discount for the rental for the military graduation party (Norman/Hughes motioned; passed unanimously)

VI. Old Business

- A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment
- Steve Libby to coordinate delivery and installation of bollards with Scott Simpson.
- B. Development/Infill
- No update.
- C. Marketing/Communication workgroup
- An engagement ring was found. Marci will post it on Facebook.
- D. Dartmoor annexation status
- Hawthorn Woods will vote to annex the Dartmoor (Kildeer Estates) subdivision and 16 adjacent Forest Lake parcels during their May meeting.

Steve Gray met with Pam Newton and Joe Mancino. Steve proposed the following mitigations for the impacted Forest Lake residents:

- Village taxes would be abated for current owners and their successors
- Properties would be exempt from any Special Service Area taxes.
- Exempt from local utility taxes.

Only 126 feet width is required to establish contiguity, so Steve also asked that Hawthorn Woods reduce the number of parcels from Forest Lake that would be annexed. The cost to draft a petition to exclude the 12 “extra” lots would be about \$2,000. Steve will encourage the impacted residents to pursue this on their own.

Hawthorn Woods cannot enter an intergovernmental agreement with Forest Lake, unless the County acted on our behalf. However, Hawthorn Woods has no interest in making such an agreement because they have other interests in Forest Lake. The owner of the barn on Quentin is discussing a sale of the property to the church across the road. The church may seek annexation into Hawthorn Woods to obtain rezoning of the parcel to make it into a parking lot.

E. Other Old Business

Incorporation of Forest Lake – One of the residents asked if any action had been taken to introduce a bill to amend state statutes so that Forest Lake could be incorporated if, at some time in the future, the residents wished to do so. Steve gray answered that yes, he in his capacity as a private citizen did so, and that HB5923 had already passed the Illinois House.

VII. New business

None.

VIII. Audience Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. (Motion by Libby/Norman)

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: May 11, 2010