

# ***Forest Lake Community Association***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

July 13, 2010

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

Chairman Steve Gray called to order the regular meeting of the Forest Lake Community Association at 7:33 p.m. on July 13, 2010 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

### **II. Roll Call**

The following board members were present: Maija Boriss, Lou DiNicola, Steve Gray, Jill Hughes, Steve Libby, Steve Norman, Angie Schroedel, and Laura Tegtmeier.

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

The minutes from the June meeting were approved as written. (Motion by Norman; Seconded by Tegtmeier)

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

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

- Brian Drommer has announced his resignation from the FLCA Board. The remainder of his term will be filled by appointment, per the bylaws. Persons interested in serving on the board should contact us.
- Recap of Hawthorn Woods Annexation:
  - Zoning meeting was held on June 28<sup>th</sup>, where zoning board voted 4-1 to recommend rezoning to R-2, pending annexation. They also recommended possible future zoning as commercial for the southern ~15 acres (NE corner of Quentin & Route 22).
  - Special Board meeting was held July 1<sup>st</sup> to approve the annexation of Kildeer Estates and the sixteen parcels in Forest Lake. In a surprise move, Hawthorn Woods also annexed the NW corner of Route 22 & Quentin (Cedar Hill Nursery and west to Telser Road) as well as the parcel on the SW corner. The Village of Lake Zurich claims that this is in violation of a boundary agreement.
  - It is rumored that Lake Zurich will go to court over the violation of the boundary agreement. There is also an allegation that there was improper notice of the annexation of the properties west of Quentin Road.
  - Hawthorn Woods Mayor Joe Mancino and Pam Newton have told us that they want to annex the Baptist Church and the old barn, allowing rezoning for possible parking and storage on the barn property that the

county zoning will not allow. Hawthorn Woods refused to enter a boundary agreement with Forest Lake (via Lake County), indicating that they have designs on additional properties in and around Forest Lake with current or potential commercial zoning.

- The residents of Kildeer Estates are investigating a petition to halt the annexation and force a referendum for a public vote on it (via [65 ILCS 5/7-1-6](#) of the Illinois Municipal Code). The petition requires signatures of Hawthorn Woods voters equal in number to 10% of the entire vote cast for all candidates for mayor of Hawthorn Woods at the last preceding general municipal election, so it requires just 136 signatures.
- There will be a community meeting tomorrow night with Laurie Marston to hear residents' input regarding annexation, incorporation, and organization options. All FLCA members are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Forest Lake's Diamond Jubilee party will be held Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

Checking Acct.:	\$ 6,977.96
High Yield Acct.:	\$112,703.18
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,974.30
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 24,028.44</u>
TOTAL:	\$162,683.88

C. Dues Report – Steve Norman

- Cheryl Borre is “retiring” from her role in managing the collection of dues. Angie Schroedel (primary) and Jill Hughes (back-up) will take over this work.

D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold

- Nothing to report.

E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn

- No report.

F. Lake Report – Lou DiNicola

- We need to complete the applications for beach licensing with Lake County or we will face beach closures. The licensing is free, but requires compliance to several requirements, such as buoys marking the swimming areas, rescue throw-rings, signs to indicate beach closures, etc.. The Board voted to approve spending up to \$500 toward these requirements at the discretion of Lou DiNicola, due to the urgency of meeting the requirements. Spending beyond that amount would require additional authorization by the Board. (Motion by Norman; Seconded by Libby)

#### G. Parks Report

- Additional mulch is required at Erker Park, under the playground equipment. Maija will contact Pat DeGeorge.
- The post lights at Old McHenry and Lakeside are still out.
- The Forest Lake entrance sign at Quentin and Highland was knocked down and had disappeared. Jill Hughes will talk to the nearby residents to see if they know its whereabouts. If a new sign is required, Steve Norman will get quotes for a replacement sign and potential signs for the remaining entrances without signs (Forest, Bonnie, Melody, and Ridge).

#### H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- The landscaping at Highland & Quentin was also damaged when the sign was lost. Maija repaired the plantings. Additional mulch is needed here as well.
- Volunteers were sought (and found!) to water the plantings at the entrance signs periodically during the summer.
- Michael Talbett, Village of Kildeer, has requested photos of our community rain garden as an example to help convince his village that they can be aesthetic as well as functional.

#### I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray

- Nothing to report.

#### J. Activities Report – Laura Tegtmeier

- Diamond Jubilee will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00 pm – ~9:30 pm. We've received an estimate from Haybecks for the pig roast, but will seek additional quotes before making a decision this week. We intend to offer chicken and other alternatives to pork as well.
- The deadline to pre-register to attend the Diamond Jubilee party is July 15<sup>th</sup>. That will give us a clearer estimate of attendance.
- The Diamond Jubilee Committee will meet Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 to finalize last-minute details.

#### K. Government Report – Jill Hughes

- County Board representative Aaron Lawlor is working on a couple building and zoning concerns within Forest Lake:
  - 23783 Lakeside – Abandoned house with broken door. The State's Attorney is working to get it boarded up. They have tracked down the owner and served papers. The foreclosure process and a bankruptcy filing complicated the process. A resolution is expected very soon.
  - 23964 / 23968 Valley – Houses are too close. Lake County B&Z claims that there is no violation here, but will take another look at the request of Mr. Lawlor. It is possible that the new house is in

compliance and the old house is “legal, non-conforming”, meaning that its improper placement is grandfathered.

- Others are reporting a similar problem of houses being too close together on Highland, just west of East Road. Jill will investigate.
- The road resurfacing project in Forest Lake is delayed by the construction workers’ strike.
- The County is looking into complaints of wildlife feeding in Forest Lake. As a reminder, it is illegal to feed wildlife in such a manner that the food may be accessible to deer. Feeding birds is generally permitted.

L. Community Center Report/Rentals

- No report. No rental requests.

**V. Old Business**

A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment

Steve Libby to work with Scott Simpson to get the bollards installed and debris removed. If Mr. Simpson is unable to complete the work soon, we will seek other contractors.

B. Development/Infill

No update.

C. Marketing/Communication workgroup

No update.

D. Dartmoor annexation status

This was covered in the Chairman’s report above.

E. Other Old Business

None.

**VI. New business**

A. Community meeting with Laurie Marston 7:30 tomorrow night.

B. Various signs have been posted on FLCA property and on street signs to promote local businesses such as dog walking and lawn mowing services. The signs on FLCA property should be removed as they detract from the beauty of the parks and we strive to keep our own signage to a minimum. The township/county can worry about the street signs and other signs in the right-of-way.

**VII. Audience Comments**

Q: Can we change the terminology of the member payments from “dues” to “assessment”? Wouldn’t that give better compliance?

A: Technically, they are not an “assessment”. They are dues.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: July 14, 2010