

Forest Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2010

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 August 10, 2010 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Steve Gray, Jill Hughes, Steve Libby, Patrick Lynn, Steve Norman, and Tom Phillippsen.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the July meeting were approved via email, as written.

IV. Officers' Reports / Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report – Steve Gray

- Nothing to report.

B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

Checking Acct.:	\$ 6,392.69
High Yield Acct.:	\$104,813.16
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,974.30
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 24,028.44</u>
TOTAL:	\$154,208.59

C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- Approximately 62% paid. This is almost up to typical levels.

D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold

- Draft is available for review.

E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn

- Nothing to report.

F. Lake Report

- No report.

G. Parks Report – Pat DeGeorge

- No report.

H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- No report.
- I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray
 - Will receive a quote for new term of insurance next week.
- J. Activities Report – Laura Tegtmeier
 - The “Diamond Jubilee” celebration for the 75th anniversary of FLCA was a huge success! Thank you to all who helped.
- 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

Will be completed Sunday. There are minor issues to be resolved.

B. Development/Infill

Hawthorn Woods residents filed a petition to force the annexation to go to referendum. An objection to this petition has been filed, but no details are available yet.

C. Vacant Board Positions

Greg Dwiel was appointed to complete the remaining term of the seat vacated by Brian Drommer, serving the Central region. (Motion by Hughes; Seconded by Norman; unanimous vote)

Two individuals have been nominated to fill the vacancy representing the West region, vacated by Lou DiNicola. They are Frank McCoy and Nick Leonard. There is no quorum of board members from the West at the meeting, so they will be asked to vote via email.

VI. New business

A. Laurie Marston (Municipal Consultant) – Report to community

The consultant that FLCA hired to complete a study of options for Forest Lake has completed her report and presented it to the community. The full report is available on the FLCA website.

Ms. Marston reviewed the process and the purpose and content of the prior meeting. She explained the pros and cons of each proposal. Some highlights of each are included here:

- Strengthen the Association
Legally, there is nothing we can do to allow the association to compel the payment of dues. This is due to the fact that it was not recorded

with the original plats. She suggested asking Sylvan Lake and Countryside Lake about their collection rates.

- Voluntarily Annex to a neighboring village (i.e. Hawthorn Woods or Kildeer)
This option would mean that residents would be subject to stricter rules (e.g. bans on parking commercial vehicles, RVs, boats, etc., restrictions on fences, sheds, house siding choices) than are present now, as an unincorporated area. We would be a minority voice in the governance of any village that annexed us.
- Incorporate as our own village
This option could not be put on a referendum until Spring 2011. A tax levy would be required to fund the operation of the village. Ms. Marston explained in detail what services we would need to provide (road maintenance, police, etc.) and what tax revenue we would receive (state, MFT, income tax, property taxes, use taxes). The state would not require a full audit of the municipal books, but an independent review would be required.
The proposed 4.375% tax rate represents an increase of 7.6%, or approximately \$532 on a \$300K home. Eliminating the FLCA dues reduces that by \$150, for a net increase of \$382 to the property tax. Concerns with this option are that the quotes for police protection are very high and specify a 24/7 dedicated officer, which is neither required nor desired. Also, we would need to build reserves in anticipation of resurfacing the roads in 15 years.
- Do Nothing
Additional portions of Forest Lake could be annexed by adjacent communities at their whim. The same concerns as option 2 (above) would also apply to any parcels that are annexed.

VII. Audience Comments

Many comments were made during the discussion above, but no additional comments of a general nature were presented.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 p.m. (Libby; Norman)

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: September 14, 2010