

Forest Lake Community Association

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 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 September 14, 2010 in the Forest Lake Community Center.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Maija Boriss, Pat DeGeorge, Greg Dwiell, Steve Gray, Jill Hughes, Nick Leonard, Patrick Lynn, Tom Philippsen, Angie Schroedel, and Laura Tegtmeier.

III. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the August meeting were approved as written. [Motion by Philippsen; seconded by Schroedel]

IV. Officers' Reports / Committee Reports

A. Chairman's Report – Steve Gray

- Chairman Gray introduced the two new board members: Greg Dwiell and Nick Leonard. Each one of them told us a little bit about himself. Greg is a 23-year resident of Forest Lake.

B. Treasurer's Report / P&L Review

Checking Acct.:	\$ 459.79
High Yield Acct.:	\$106,339.83
7 MO CD:	\$ 18,974.30
60+ MO Annual CD:	<u>\$ 24,028.44</u>
TOTAL:	\$149,802.36

C. Dues Report – Steve Gray

- Nothing to report.

D. Newsletter Report – Jim Petzold

- Nothing to report.

E. Web site Report – Pat Lynn

- Nothing to report.

F. Lake Report – Nick Leonard

- Nothing to report.

G. Parks Report – Pat DeGeorge

- Need to check on the lights at Old McHenry and Lakeside.

H. Landscape/Beautification Report – Maija Boriss

- Will need to renovate the plantings at Highland and Quentin. Might wait until Forest Lake sign is replaced.
- A resident complained about overgrowth in the ROW near Kathy's Lakeside Inn. They were advised to contact Hawthorn Woods, as they maintain that section of Old McHenry Road, on both sides.

I. Legal/Insurance Report – Steve Gray

- Our liability insurance (~\$10K) was just paid. Our premium was reduced by 10% since we have not had a claim in several years..

J. Activities Report – Laura Tegtmeier

- Halloween Parade and activities will take place Sunday, October 31, 2010. Angie will confirm availability of the fire truck and the start time of the event will be published as soon as possible.

K. Government Report – Jill Hughes

- We're continuing to work with Lake County to get the house at 23783 Lakeside boarded up. The County is attempting to locate the owner to serve him with a summons. The house is also scheduled for a judicial sale October 21st.

L. Community Center Report/Rentals

- Rentals were approved for the following dates: September 24 & 26; October 9, 16, & 23; November 21 & 25; April 2, 2011.

V. Old Business

A. Footpath/Road Egress/Re-establishment

- Bollards are in place at the ends of all the footpaths. Additional clearing is needed.

B. Dartmoor Development (Kildeer Estates)

- Development is in foreclosure now. Developers are in a deep financial hole.
- Hawthorn Woods continues to deny us a copy of the annexation agreement, which apparently covers the Forest Lake properties that were annexed along with the Dartmoor development. So we still have no legal document to back up the promises made to the residents whose homes were annexed into Hawthorn Woods.

VI. New business

A. Follow-up on the municipal consultant's report

The proposed budget for the "incorporation" option is inadequate---it doesn't fund sufficient reserves for capital projects (roads). We do not have a solid cost estimate for police services. Hawthorn Woods supplied an estimate for dedicated 24/7 support; rather than the on-call service like we now have from Lake County. To preserve the low tax rate proposed and build a cash reserve, (e.g. \$150K/year) we would need to secure police protection for the desired service level for \$150K less.

Resident Howard Peek has volunteered to help negotiate a proper quote for police protection. This must be the next step in continuing any discussion of our options.

B. Status of the petition to force a referendum vote on the annexation

The committee (of Hawthorn Woods officials) found that the petition "did not meet the standards" due to lack of addresses for the signatures. The state statute does not require signatures, nor does it permit a lack of information to be interpreted as invalid information. The residents who organized the petition intend to appeal and have asked us to help fund it. We politely declined, as they have only put up \$750 in the fight so far. At this point, we do not know if they filed the appeal.

VII. Audience Comments/Questions

Q: Can we investigate the status of any proposed changes to the law that would allow homeowners' associations to compel the payment of dues?

A: Jill will look into this.

Q: Are the new "No Trespassing" signs working?

A: Consensus is that they have reduced the number of trespassers at the dam.

The street sign at East and Highland is missing. Others have been stolen as well. Jill will contact Bill Kruckenberg to discuss.

There are reports of drug sales going on in the parking lot at the community center. Residents are reminded to call the sheriff's office to report possible criminal activity. A resident asked about a possible "Neighborhood Watch" program. This program may no longer be offered officially, but we will investigate.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. [Motion by Philippsen; Seconded by Lynn]

Minutes submitted by: Jill Hughes

Minutes approved on: October 12, 2010