



Forest Murmurs

November 2014

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Bob Gray, Roberta Havholm, Jake Bontatibus, Jennifer Kelley

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Forest Murmurs Deadlines

Advertisers: Wednesday, November 26, 2014

Articles & Et Cetera: Friday, November 28, 2014



Trustees Present: Bob Gray, Sue Hanley, Jennifer Kelley, Jake Bontatibus, Roberta Havholm, and Shelton Monger

Trustees Absent: Chuck Evanhoe, Greg Herman, Collin Monger

Bob Gray called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Police Report: Officers Fero and Steward were present from the Dayton Police Department. Officer Fero reported that there were several incidents the past month: four thefts from a vehicle, one larceny, three menacing, and one impersonation of an officer. Sue mentioned keeping an eye out for vans that don't belong in the neighborhood.

No officers present from the City of Riverside Police Department.

Visitors: Mary Ramsey and Bill Tocci

Northeast Priority Board: No report.

Minutes: Roberta Havholm moved that the August 18, 2014 meeting minutes be accepted with corrections. Jake Bontatibus seconded.

Vote 6-0

Treasurer: Dan Freeman, Treasurer, was not present but Jennifer Kelley provided his report. The General Fund balance is \$58,369.55. Replacement reserve balance is \$91,285.24. We received 1 full and 2 partial assessments (\$296.00) in August, and we've received 2 partials (\$146.50) so far this month; so there are 57 full and 7 partial assessments still open (\$12,858.92). This compares to 63 assessments (\$13,516.00) still open at the same time in 2013. Sue Hanley asked to find out if we are putting liens on the properties that haven't paid assessments.

Treasurers report will be accepted at Oct 20th, 2014 meeting

Murmurs: Roberta Havholm was present and submitted her report for the October issue. The theme will be the Halloween parade. The "English as a second language" classes will be advertised in this month's Murmurs. No new advertising for the October issue. Last day to submit an article will be September 26, 2014. It will be delivered the first weekend of October.

Communications Committee Report: Bob Gray reported that seven welcome packets were delivered.

Website: Our main website now has over 10,000 views for the year. The top pages include the home page, pool information, the Murmurs posted online, and soccer information.

Our Facebook page now has 852 likes as compared to 801 in July or a gain of 51 likes in 90 days. The most popular post was about the BB Gun shooting incident from a car with 1,707 people reached. Most posts generally only reach 100 to 200 Facebook accounts.

Greg Herman started a Nextdoor.com neighborhood for Forest Ridge. So far 74 Forest Ridge neighbors have signed up. Nextdoor is far superior to Facebook for many reasons. It is private. If you choose, only your neighbors can see your posts. Everyone must verify their address and use their real name. It has categories from crime, to lost and found, and more. Subgroups can be formed for people interested in different things such as a gardening coop. It has a very clean interface and is very easy to use. Best of all, it's free. If you have not signed up, please do. See our webpage for a link to join.

The flyers regarding the neighborhood website will go into new welcome packages.

Pool: Ellie Monger was present and reported that she is still draining the pools. They have noticed a few tiles needing attention from weather related problems and improper installation. They will be addressing the tile issue in the spring. Jake Bontatibus mentioned that he would take a look at the tile issue to see if it is something that can be easily fixed.

Pool and Outdoor Recreation Committee: The dog swim went well. Thirty four dogs were in attendance. The pump room has a pit for water circulation with a steel frame. The deck will need to be replaced. Shelton Monger said he will be replacing this within the next few weeks.

Jesse Morgan discussed the current soccer season. There are fifty three kids registered. Several new kids have joined. Many of the participants took advantage of the early registration. The budget is in good shape and has allowed Jesse to buy new referee jerseys and goal posts. The lining of the soccer fields went well this season.

Green Areas: Chris Tooley, green area supervisor, submitted a report on the following

Green Area activity in the previous month: Maintenance to equipment (weed whacker), Striping the soccer fields. Measurements of soccer fields have been updated and have been put into AutoCAD drawing for easy striping for next soccer season. Edged Blvd. and other areas, edged and cleaned up Gazebo. Mowing, Tree cutting, Received new trimmer, Placed order for new edger.

Things to be done: Removal of tree and brush at the Strathaven culvert before concrete work begins. They will be setting up the water tank for power washing of gazebo. The outside lights on the shed are constantly on because the sensor has stopped working. Chris is looking to replace this to save energy/money. Adam is working evenings and helping with mowing and edging. The residents have been picking up the wood from the ash trees Chris has been cutting down.

Asset Management Committee: Roberta Havholm, Jake Bontatibus, and Jennifer Kelley were present and gave an update on the culvert and bridges. Two areas that need significant repair are the Strathaven culvert and also the areas around the three bridges at the creek. The retaining wall is in bad condition and needs repair as well. Major erosion is forming and will continue to get worse. Jake has been working with McPherson and Sons to repair the culvert and received a quote in the amount of \$8,645.22. Jake also spoke with McPherson and Sons about the three bridges at the pool. All three are in need of major repairs and also some restructuring to prevent any safety hazards in the near future. Jake received a quote to repair all the bridges with a total cost of \$22,395.67.

Roberta made a motion to get work done to the Strathaven Culvert and the bridges not to exceed the amount of \$35,000. Jennifer Kelley seconded.

Vote 6-0

Old Business: The Mayor of Dayton was at the Gazebo on September 11, 2014 and talked to residents about getting involved in your community and fielded questions regarding Dayton properties, police and new projects.

Bob Gray mentioned that the repair of the gazebo will start on September 16, 2014. He is waiting to hear from the Friends of Forest Ridge on their contribution to the gazebo.

Bill Tocci gave an update on the community garden plans. He said that he has received several parties interested in the project and would like to move forward on the plans. He is sending a write-up to Roberta to place in the Murmurs to generate more interest. He also mentioned making some of the garden plots wheelchair accessible.

Mary Ramsey is willing to help with the community garden project as well. She works closely with the Five Rivers metro parks and has solicited their help with the garden. There will be a meeting at Possum Creek discussing the help that the metro parks can provide. This meeting is scheduled for Oct 16, 2014 at 6pm. Anyone can attend.

New business:

Election of Officers: Bob Gray was appointed president by acclamation. Roberta Havholm moved and Jake Bontatibus seconded.

Sue Hanley was appointed vice president by acclamation. Bob Gray moved and Jake Bontatibus seconded.

Sue Hanley made a motion to accept Collin Monger's resignation from the board, Jake Bontatibus seconded.

Vote 6-0

Other New Business: Jake Bontatibus received a quote from a law firm about working with the bylaws and updating them. Many of the bylaws are outdated and are in need or revision.

The board has set the budget meeting for Saturday October 18th at 9:30am.

Jesse Morgan mentioned a replacement tree schedule due to many of the ash trees cut down. Green area committee will look into this. Jennifer Kelley will work with Arbor Day foundation for donation of trees to Forest Ridge. Jesse Morgan also mentioned possibly having a large sign at the end of boulevard to advertise events.

Concerns were addressed about the behavior and activity at the Willow Branch Tennis and Basketball courts. It was suggested that a no trespassing sign be placed at the site.

Adjournment: Bob moved the meeting be adjourned and Jake seconded.

Vote 6-0

The meeting ended at 9:11p.m.

Unsightly House Near You?

Do you have an unsightly house near you?

Recently the trustees have received phone calls regarding properties that have unmowed lawns, weeds and trash in the yards. These concerns should be addressed to either the Code Enforcement Office for the City of Dayton at 333-3977 or the Zoning Enforcement Officer for Riverside at 233-1801.

The By-laws for the Forest Ridge Association do not authorize us to require home owners to mow or weed their lawns.



Mutual Aid

A recent agreement between Dayton, Riverside and Huber Heights will mean medic calls from City of Dayton residents will be answered under a mutual aid agreement by Riverside or Huber Heights. The reasoning behind this is to provide better and quicker service since there is not a medic crew stationed at the Brandt Pike Firehouse. Mutual aid is a win, win for all of us. Information provided by the Riverside Fire rep at the Halloween parade.

Thank You!

Thanks to Jake and his crew for the great job on the Halloween parade. The new route and party after won praises from residents. The Stebbins band as always had not only great music but creative costumes. If you know a band member please thank them. For those residents who don't know we allow them to use the pool for a party in the summer months as a "thank you".

Wanted: Due to Colin Monger moving out of the development there is a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. The position needs to be filled so that we have a quorum when members are ill or out of town on business. Qualifications are listed below and applicants should sent resumes to Bob Gray (P.O. Box 24750, Huber Heights, OH 45424).

- ✓ Owner of property in Forest Ridge
- ✓ Able to attend meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:30
- ✓ Able to attend the 2 semi annual meetings in March and September
- ✓ Willing to spend additional time working to make Forest Ridge a great place to live.
- ✓ Assist in the planning of special events.
- ✓ Applications are due no later than November 15.

Attention Renters:

If you have moved in during the year, you have the opportunity to receive a welcome packet. This packet has lots of useful information in it which can help you get your "bearings" a little sooner, and with less effort. When a house is sold, we can easily find out who is there and when they got there. When a rental property has new tenants, it is much more difficult for the Welcome Committee to get that information. New to the area? Need information? Call Bob Gray at 237-8192. We are in the process of updating the packets. If you have questions please call!

Halloween Parade Results

An unusual situation presented itself this past weekend. The results of the 2014 Forest Ridge Halloween Parade were accidentally discarded. This is the first time something like this has ever happened, and we are sorry that it did.

However, the weather was beautiful, the costumes were plentiful, and the candy was bountiful!!!

The parade was well attended, and the party afterward was a huge success! Take a look at the photos on the interior pages, it was a great day.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped work the parade and the party. Jake Bontatibus was the committee chair this year and did a great job!



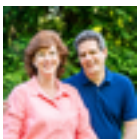
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2	3	 Election Day	5	6 City of Riverside Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Work Session 7:30 Meeting	7	8
9	10	 Veteran's Day	12	13	14	15
16	17 FRA  FRA Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18	19	20 City of Riverside Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Work Session 7:30 Meeting	21	22
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