

Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2006

Present: Ken Dodgson, Marilyn Hamilton, Tom Hamilton, Karin Kacprzyński, Toni Marshall, Alex Neubert, Terry Rogelstad

Absent: Linda & Ed Dunn, Colleen Heinle, Chuck Sorce

Tom Hamilton asked Ken Dodgson to open the meeting. Ken talked about having our neighborhood listed on the National Registry. Since this was voted down a few years ago more than 50% of the homes changed hands. He would like to give a presentation at the annual meeting but would like to do some research beforehand with a volunteer from the neighborhood. In the past street meetings were held to designate our neighborhood as a historic preservation district and two reasons why it was not pursued were:

1. This is my house and I will do what I want with it. For example, if a slate roof needs repair or replacement I can replace it with tile. There are two many regulations, etc.
2. No dictating.

New people in our neighborhood may want a historic preservation district. National Register of Historic Places involves a lot of forms. Cynthia Houck of the Landmark Society was a wonderful help. Would all 75 houses need to be documented - descriptions of community and each house, floor plans, etc? We would not have to document every house but enough that are representative. This is an unusual community to become a historic district. Ken feels we need to preserve it and that it would be a mistake not to do it. Over time property values would go up. People know it will preserve their property value. Expenses would be in the documentation and a lot of photographs. Should we have new street meetings? A volunteer is needed to give of their time with Ken to see what is involved. Approval by the Federal Government is the final step.

Terry stated that replacement costs are double. You have to spend twice as much to build than you can sell it for. Need to get a committee going. This may be presented at the annual meeting.

Terry Rogelstad volunteered to be the chairman for both parks –Lake Crescent and Westwood Parks long term planning committee.

Ken asked for two welcome booklets and directories to welcome new neighbors. Toni stated that she will drop off the booklets to Ken. We have approximately two booklets left. She will obtain quotes so that more booklets will be printed.

There is a good possibility that in 2008-09 we will experience road repair/replacement in our neighborhood.

Tom Beck of Town of Perinton knows we need to control water level in Westwood Park.
Also:

1. Schedule flood control, duck week control, long term planting schedule and mosquito control. There will be a presentation at the annual meeting. Frank Fulreader will help with the plantings. A detailed map of the park was made by Terry Rogelstad a few years ago.

2. Dredge – long arm bucket truck for Lake Crescent Park. Last time this was done was around 1980-81. Also need maintenance access for both parks.

A suggestion was made for raising funds by dedicating shrubs, trees, flowers, benches, arborists for trimming, etc. in our parks with name tags on each dedication.

Another suggestion was made that Tim Swagler would give our neighbors a good price to plow driveways, cut lawns, etc. A committee would be needed to check this out.

foresthillsneighbors.org (domain name) for our new website is under construction by Chuck Sorce and Greg Kacprzyński.

Karin stated that she purchased 40 trees and shrubs at \$1.00 each from Cornell Cooperation. Just “sticks” when they arrive but most take hold and grow.