

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
June 29, 2006 Meeting**

A meeting of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association was called to order at Tom Hamilton's house at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2006.

Officers in attendance were: Tom Hamilton, Karin Kacprzynski, Ed Dunn, Alex Neubert. Also in attendance were Chuck Sorce, Jay Sackett, Ken Dodgson, Marilyn Hamilton, Pam Reynolds, Terry Rogelstad, Barbara Bellin, Tom Quinn, Hildey Cross and Joe Curran.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on May 31, 2006 were approved as submitted.

Tom also noted that he has served as President of the Association for three consecutive terms and suggested that the Association begin looking for a replacement to succeed him.

Update on Westwood Park –

Karin Kacprzynski noted that the bubblers have been installed and are now operational. At this time of the year the duckweed buildup is already significant; therefore, skimming was suggested as an option for cleaning up the pond this season. At some point soon, four to six sets of helping hands would be appreciated to pull the cat tails and possibly mount a duck house for the mallards. Lastly, the 3-5 year reforestation plan for Westwood needs to be revisited.

Update on Lake Crescent Park –

Tom began by summarizing the proposed project and by passing around a quote that he received from Frank Fulreader to transplant and replant certain trees, along with a quote from Tim Swagler to remove certain trees and shape the willows. He stated the purpose of tonight's meeting was to talk through more of the details of the proposed project and to talk about financing the project and the need for a fundraising push.

Barbara Bellin noted that several neighbors on Lake Crescent don't want the trees removed and that many liked the "forest look". She felt it would hinder the aesthetics plus create unwanted noise and light. After noting the odor that would be created by the dredging, Joe Curran also stated that several Lake Crescent neighbors don't want the trees taken down, the berm built, nor the inconvenience of heavy construction. He felt that there were a number of unanswered questions and requested that a knowledgeable representative from the Town meet with the neighbors to discuss the project, to advise and make recommendations and to further help the neighbors to visualize the end result.

In response to these concerns and other questions, Tom noted the following items for the group:

—> one option that to date hasn't been discussed may be to cap the berm with a layer of top soil to mask the odor and disguise the silt and that he would inquire with the Town whether this could be done.

—> the timeframe for the dredging/berm reconstruction project is estimated to take 4-5 weeks.

—> that communications among the neighbors need to be clearer and that the Association needs to show and explain the various stages of this proposed project to as many neighbors as possible. As such, Terry Rogelstad agreed to update the drawings created a few years back for posting to the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association's website (www.foresthillsneighbors.org).

—> that the best time to transplant trees and plants is in the spring; therefore, the project is anticipated to start in the spring of 2007 at the earliest.

—> that the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Cornell Cooperative and other governmental and private experts have provided input to the Association on this project.

—> that certain unwanted, invasive vegetation, currently exists along Fairport Road and in the Lake Crescent Park and that it would be in the neighborhoods best interest to remove it before fertile silt and top soil are placed on top of it as this would only create a bigger long-term problem.

Tom Quinn suggested that a second quote be obtained for the replantings to compare with Frank Fulreader's quote. Tom Hamilton noted that Frank has been a very friendly resource to the neighborhood in the past but agreed with Tom Quinn that the Association should obtain a second quote.

It was agreed among the group that there currently exists certain differences of opinions regarding this component of the Reforestation Project in light of existing information, that the Association needs to get closer to a consensus, that viewing the updated plans would be helpful to everyone and that a subsequent meeting should be called sometime in July with as many neighbors as possible.

Tom Quinn agreed to approach Papa John's to inquire whether they would consider toning down the lights from their building beyond a certain time so as not to create so much light into the neighborhood.

The Association extended its thanks to Mike Robinson for all of the volunteer work he has done and to all of the other neighbors who have put in time and energy to help maintain the park areas.

Fundraising –

A committee should be formed to raise funds to finance the costs of the project and that any and all participation is welcome. At Chuck Sorce's suggestion, Ken Dodgson agreed to make available for sale, photos that he has taken of our homes over the years. He said that he would try to prepare various size photos (8x10, holiday card, etc.) in time to display them at the summer picnic in August. Tom Hamilton agreed to loan the Association \$5,000 towards this project to be repaid without interest.

Treasurer's Note –

As a reminder, Association and trash collection fees were due May 31st. For those neighbors who have not paid, please contact Linda or Ed Dunn or forward your payment to Linda and Ed at 35 Ridgeview Drive. Thank you!