

Forest Hills Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Nov. 9,2006

Present: Tom & Marilyn Hamilton, Lucia & Bill Shaw, Ken Dodgson, Chuck Sorce, Linda & Ed Dunn, Tom Quinn

- 1) Streets in Forest Hills are on the 2007 town schedule for reconstruction. No specific date is set at this time. The plan is to mill 6 inches to the base. New base and top will be built. We want to be sure that the road will be done according to neighborhood preferences, including inclusion of individual parking areas, and dropping the road level 2-3 inches to assist with driveway drainage. Work will include addition of a force main and pump, which will maintain the Westwood pond level, and avoid future overflows. Work will include only roads in the Town of Perinton, not East Rochester. Tom Quinn will continue as liaison to the town for this purpose.
- 2) Lake Crescent reforestation. A description of proposed town work on the pond and berm prepared by Dick Ahern for Lake Crescent residents in September was distributed. The town will absorb costs for dredging the pond and building a berm where there is now a steep bank along Fairport Road. One of the problems to be corrected is drainage from Fairport Road, which is adding silt to the pond. The town will also take down 3-4 trees, marked with paint on the trunk, that are interfering with RG&E lines and with the berm construction. The neighborhood responsibility is the planting of additional trees to increase the screening from Fairport Road. It appears now that the main issue is cost. The original budget for the proposed replanting was \$14,000. This has now been reduced to \$10,000 – 12,000, thanks to commitments from neighbors who have offered special assistance. Two neighbors who are arborists will shape the two existing willows so they can be left in place, and add to the screening. Tom Hamilton has offered a \$5,000 loan to start the process. With Tom's help, trees have already been moved from the Westwood pump station to the west end of Lake Crescent park, benefiting both areas. Mike Robinson has been watering the newly planted trees. Replanting of the pump station area has been done at Westwood by the town. Plans for the new berm are to plant park quality trees 12 – 15 feet high. Neighbors on Lake Crescent can plant additional trees at marked spots adjacent to Lake Crescent Drive if they wish to increase the screening in front of their property. Information on trees appropriate for a wet environment is available.
- 3) In order to take advantage of the opportunity created by Perinton's dredging the Lake Crescent pond and building the berm west of the pond, fund raising will be necessary. The last fund raising drive, in 2000, to build the berm, landscape the east end of Lake Crescent park, and re-landscape the Westwood forest was successful. Dick Ahern and Bill Shaw will take the lead, with the help of street reps and others. It is hoped that new residents will become involved. Neighborhood dues, which provide about \$3,000 for reforestation and park maintenance each year, will still be available for this purpose after the reforestation work is done. One of the special components of the fund raising effort will be Ken Dodgson's neighborhood photos. Individual home photos and street panoramas will be matted and offered as gifts to neighbors who make significant contributions towards the reforestation project. A display of the photos will be available at the 2007 annual meeting, scheduled for 7:00 PM January 25, 2007 at the Perinton Community Center, located at Town Hall. Prior to that meeting, the Shaws will host a special meeting at their home for Lake Crescent residents. As background to the fund raising drive, a synopsis of reforestation and related efforts to date at Lake Crescent and Westwood will be put together by Ed and Linda Dunn.
- 3) Other items included discussion of need for maintenance of the Westwood pond mosquito zapper. Tom Quinn will assist with this. Chuck Sorce has purchased a set of waders and will continue to lead the effort to control the cattails in the pond, and will be available for retrieval of the occasional debris that ends up in the water. Thank you Chuck for all that you have done in 2006. A light has been installed at the Forest Hills sign the at west end entrance at Lake Crescent. Installation of lights at other signs is more difficult, due to lack of available electric power. Use of reflective paint that shines when lit by car headlights is being considered.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Dunn, Co - Treasurer