

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 8, 2007

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association was called to order at Tom Quinn's house at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

Present were Tom Quinn (President), Linda & Ed Dunn (Treasurer) and Alex Neubert (Secretary). Also in attendance were the following street representatives: Chuck Sorce and Jay Sackett. Karin Kacprzyński (Vice President), Colleen Heinle and Ken Dodson were not in attendance. Mike Robinson was also present.

Tom Quinn called the meeting to order. The first item of business was a review of the meeting minutes from September 13th. After a review of the minutes, and a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Tom mentioned as a follow up to a note in the minutes of September 13th Ken Dodgson will be working with Dave Dowden in the coming months to transition over to Dave the neighborhood's archival collection of photographs and historical materials. No decision has been made but it appears that eventually the majority of these materials will be housed by the Town of Perinton Historical Society.

The next item of business was a discussion about street reps. Tom mentioned that, in addition to Colleen Heinle requesting that another resident of Lake Crescent be found to assume her responsibilities as their street rep, Chuck Sorce had also spoken with him about stepping down as Westwood Drive's street rep. The Executive Committee wishes to thank both Colleen and Chuck for their time and service. Potential candidates for both positions were briefly discussed. No action was taken.

As a follow-up discussion, Chuck advised the group that he was willing to continue to manage the neighborhood association's website.

The next item of business was a review of the Treasurer's Report through October, 2007. The group discussed the revenue from this year's garage sale, increasing the funding for the block party and the need to prepare to bid out the lawn maintenance work again next year. Other budgetary items were generally discussed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurers Report was approved.

The next item of business was a discussion of the neighborhood association's choice for electrical supplier, followed by a brief discussion of what services the association was being charged for, etc. Currently we have elected RG&E's variable rate plan. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was agreed to continue with the current plan.

The next item of business was a discussion of the 2008 Calendar of Events as proposed by Alex Neubert. The group briefly discussed moving the annual meeting to date later in the year so as to more closely align with the fiscal year-end financial statements and to hold the meeting on a date when the weather was a bit warmer. Tom suggested, and the group agreed, to move the annual meeting from Thursday, March 27th to Thursday, April 24th. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed 2008 Calendar of Events was approved with the one change as noted. The Calendar of Events, once updated, will be posted to the web-site and circulated to the neighborhood. The group also discussed calling a special meeting in January for the purpose of reviewing the bylaws to propose certain changes so as to more accurately reflect various dates and officer appointments.

The next agenda item was a discussion of Luminaria sales. Jay noted for the group that everything is on schedule and that packets have gone out to the captains.

The next item of business was a discussion among the group relating to a request received by the Landmark Society to Colleen Heinle. The Landmark Society each year hosts a House and Garden Tour fundraiser. They contacted Colleen to inquire whether any of the neighbors of Forest Hills would be willing to open their home to the public. Ken Dodgson, although not present, supported the idea and offered to have their home included. He felt that it was an excellent means to call attention to our unique neighborhood and felt that the exposure and publicity would be positive. The group discussed the idea, including that fact that although certain homes may wish to be included, that the final choice of which homes might be selected for the tour ultimately resided with the Landmark Society. The group also discussed the potential downside to opening any of our homes to such a tour. First, this tour generally attracts thousands of people. Second, even though the tour would be controlled and the number of people allowed in any one home at any given time would be limited, our homes, for the most part, including our entranceways, are relatively small. Tom advised the group that he would contact the Landmark Society to collect more details. No action was taken.

On a similar note, Tom advised the group that Jeanne Dowden was a member of the Rochester Perennial Society and that she has agreed to host an in-formal walking tour through certain gardens one evening in June.

The next agenda items was a brief discussion of the neighborhood garage sale and block party. It was agreed that both were successful events, well organized and well attended. The only comment made was to consider changing the time of the garage sale from 9-3 to 9-1, or sometime earlier than 3 pm.

The next agenda item was a discussion of the Fall Cleanup. With respect to Lake Crescent Park, there wasn't much clean up to do this past year. Mike agreed, noting that things looked generally good with the exception of maybe one or two River Birch trees on the east side of the park that might need to be moved as are now getting larger and growing too close together. With respect to Westwood Park, Chuck advised the group that with the help of Tim Henry, Rasin Moser and Dan Bogdan, the four of them were able to remove a fair amount of the cattails living the pond. Chuck thought that if the cattails could be cut back approximately twice a year, they could easily be controlled. The group then discussed the ongoing duckweed problem and whether there were any easy solutions. It was noted that perhaps Kurt McLaughlin could check with his DEC connection to inquire whether any particular type of fish could be acquired that would eat (control) the duckweed. Tom noted that he did request the Town to raise the water level in the Westwood pond but they advised him against it as they didn't want it to cover the in-take pipe. It was also noted that perhaps Frank Fulreader should take a walk through Westwood Park to identify and mark any trees that he thought should be removed by the association at perhaps the next Spring or Fall clean up date.

The next item was an update from Tom regarding the Lake Crescent project. Since the groups last meeting, there has been no activity but Tom has slowly been speaking with Lake Crescent neighbors about the Town's current proposal. Tom's goal is to present the Town's proposal to each of the Lake Crescent neighbors and then present it to the neighborhood at the Annual Meeting.

The last item was a discussion regarding letters that were received by certain neighbors from the East Rochester Post Office asking that their mailbox be moved to the street. It appears that the interim mail carrier felt there were certain safety issues going up and down certain driveways. The mail carriers are not suppose to walk across lawns in order to access the next neighbors homes but after discussing this with the Postmaster, Tom advised the group that it was no longer an issue and there would be no subsequent requests made upon any neighbors. If anything, neighbors should be cognizant that our mail carriers tend to walk across our lawns and, with winter approaching, everyone should make an effort to be sure to keep clear a path as to provide access.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for January 10, 2008.