

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 19, 2009

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, March 19, 2009.

Present were Tom Quinn (President), Linda & Ed Dunn (Treasurer) and Alex Neubert (Secretary). Also in attendance were the following street representatives: Ken Dodgson, Dan Bogdan and Colleen Robinson.

Tom Quinn called the meeting to order. The first item of business was a review of the January 15, 2009 Executive Committee meeting minutes. After a review of the minutes, upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as submitted.

The next item of business was a review and discussion of the financial report. There was a brief discussion regarding RG&E's billings. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the financial report was approved as submitted.

Tom next welcomed Colleen Robinson to the Executive Committee and thanked her for volunteering to serve as the street representative for Lake Crescent. It was also noted that the Executive Committee has previously discussed and agreed to expanding the number houses to be served by the Lake Crescent street rep. In addition to those 13 houses on Lake Crescent, the area will now include 12 Westwood Drive, 14 Westwood Drive, 16 Westwood Drive, 20 Westwood Drive, 23 Westwood Drive and 25 Westwood Drive.

The next item of business was a discussion and review of the request for proposal that was put out and the bids that were received for lawn mowing. After a discussion of the three bids received and the services expected to be performed, the Executive Committee voted to accept the lowest bid from Evergreen Landscape. Dan Bogdan noted that a better job needs to be done in the Westwood Park area. Tom agreed that he needed to speak with Evergreen before that began their services. Linda and Ed Dunn indicated that they would contact all of the bidders.

The group then discussed a proposed 2009/2010 budget as prepared by Tom. Tom noted what the Association could approximately expect to carry-forward this year and assuming both on-going and anticipated projects, noted where he expected our reserves to be at the end of our next fiscal year. As such he proposed cutting back each neighbors annual fee. Linda Dunn suggested that we work towards a reserve fund as there are always unexpected expenses. It was proposed that the Association review next budgets with an eye towards decreasing each household fee by \$10 (from \$120 to \$110). The group also discussed our renewal with Waste Management. Tom noted that conversations with Waste Management have been initiated regarding this years fee and that we expected a reduction due to the fact that the price of gasoline has come down significantly and that we pay them one time only (with no monthly billing) and that we deliver to them at least 70 households. Waste Management was given a deadline of April 1st to get back to us. Ken Dodgson suggested that we try to negotiate a three-year contract with fixed pricing and noted that the Association has done this in the past.

The group next discussed various maintenance issues with respect to both the Westwood and Lake Crescent park areas. The group agreed that Jay Sackett should head up a committee to oversee the entrance areas, the smaller plantings in both parks, the flags, and whether any of the non-native trees that have sprung up in Westwood Park should be taken down. Dan Bogdan also noted that we may need to buy additional carpet for the ponds in an effort to prevent duckweed. Bill Shaw requested that the Executive Committee consider

options to deter the geese from coming to the Lake Crescent park area. Bill has done some research and has found a small, approximately 10-12 inch high fence, that would surround the pond and prevent the geese from walking into, or out of, the pond. It has been used in other parts of the county where they have a pond or water feature similar to the Lake Crescent pond. The group agreed that Bill should proceed to explore this further and that if anything were to happen that the neighbors along Lake Crescent and Town be notified.

The group next briefly discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for May 21, 2009.