

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, March 18, 2010

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 18, 2010.

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

Before the business meeting there was a brief discussion regarding recent foreclosures within the neighborhood and the recent foreclosure/sale of 31 Fair Oaks Drive. A number of comments were heard expressing neighborhood frustration and concern and what actions the Association should or has the right to take.

Tom Quinn then called the meeting to order. The first item of business was a review of the January 28, 2010 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 discussion of openings on the Executive Committee and that Joanne Zelazny has agreed to replace Jay Sackett as street rep for Ridgeview Drive but the Secretary's position was still open. The group discussed potential replacements and Alex agreed to contact them individually.

The next item of business was a review and discussion of the financial report. The group discussed the bids received for mowing services and that Evergreen came in with the lowest bid – only a slight increase over last year. The group discussed and weighed the options between Evergreen, who has been cutting the grass for the last few years without any complaints and whether to award the bid to Green Planet, a neighbors business, whose bid came in slightly higher. After a discussion, the group decided to honor the lowest bid and award the contract to Evergreen. The group then discussed the upcoming Waste Management assessment. Waste Management raised our rates by only 13 cents per week over last years assessment which the group felt was not only fair, but somewhat surprising. Tom then pointed out the current amount which has been set aside for reforestation and that he would like to see that money spent this year. He also noted that certain street signs and/or posts need repairing and some other maintenance. Tom also discussed the possibility of putting together a booklet to provide to realtors to explain the homeowners association to potential buyers. After a review and discussion of the financial report, upon motion duly made and seconded, the report was approved as submitted.

The group then briefly discussed the walking path along Foothill Terrace, the scout project down in Westwood and the current proposal presented to the neighborhood. It was also noted that the scout would be at the upcoming annual meeting to present his proposal to the Association and be available to take questions.

Tom briefly mentioned that Ken and Sally Dodgson's house had recently been designated a historic home within the Town of Perinton Historic District and that others (the Vienne's, the Henry's and the Dowden's) were due to receive their designation shortly.

Dan Bogdan then brought up the ongoing problem of speeders both within the neighborhood and those passing through. The group discussed alternatives that might be available to us as a neighborhood to attempt to bring attention to this problem.

The group also discussed, in conjunction with vacant and foreclosed homes, the need to address outdoor maintenance of properties. While the Association has no authority it can and should remind neighbors of the importance of keeping up our lawns and that all of us need to be cognizant of the appearance of homes and that it is incumbent upon each of us to take responsibility for our properties.

Tom then advised the group that he recently spoke with Tom Beck of the Town and that (i) the Town will be providing mulch along the berm on Westwood Park and that the Town will weed around certain sections of the perimeter of Westwood Park this Spring; (ii) the asphalt gutter along Fair Oaks Drive may not happen and that the Town will come out again to determine whether there is erosion and if they feel that there is erosion and it warrants the gutter, then the gutter will be put back on their to do list; (iii) the Town has noticed certain areas within the neighborhood that have become hazardous to drivers and pedestrians as overgrown brush has crept into the street and that the Town will be through to remove this if the homeowners don't.

The group then discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting, sign-up sheets, volunteer tasks, and social events.

There being no further business or discussions at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for may 20, 2010.