

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting**

Thursday, April 8, 2010

An annual meeting of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association was held at the Perinton Town Hall on Thursday, April 8, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present were Tom Quinn (President), Linda & Ed Dunn (Treasurer), Alex Neubert (Secretary) and the following street representatives: Colleen Robinson, Dan Bogdan, Ken Dodson and Jay Sackett. In addition, approximately 30 neighbors were in attendance representing approximately 20 households.

Before the business meeting began, Tom introduced the officers and street reps and thanked everyone for their time, dedication and service to the neighborhood. He also noted that Jay Sackett would be stepping down as street rep for Ridgeview Drive and that Joanne Zelazny had agreed to replace him. It was noted that the Secretary's position was still open. Tom then took a few minutes to review the events of 2009 and the success of each of the social activities, highlighting certain events and personally thanking those responsible for the success of each of the past years events. He took this time to point out to the group that sign-up sheets were posted and that individuals should take a moment to review them and encouraged neighborhood participation.

Tom Quinn then turned the meeting over to Linda & Ed Dunn to discuss the financial report and budget. Linda briefly reviewed the proposed budget and discussed our trash assessment increase, the moneys sitting in the reforestation budget and noted that it was the Treasurer's recommendation that we continue with a \$100 per household fee for 2010/2011. She took questions from Karin Wormley regarding the block party revenues. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the budget for 2010/2011 was approved.

Tom then turned the meeting over to Bill Shaw for a discussion regarding the control of geese within the Lake Crescent park area. Bill spoke briefly about the problems with the geese in the past, the mess they make, and the need to control the problem. He noted that a wire barrier was put up around the pond to control their egress in and out of the pond to hopefully deter them from living in the park area. He mentioned that one pair was already nesting and that seven eggs were counted. He passed around a CD-ROM for neighbors to watch along with a brochure that discusses the problems with geese and control measures taken by other neighborhoods. Lucia Shaw mentioned that the problem with geese has become some alarming in the Town of Brighton that the Town will now fine anyone is they are caught feeding geese within any Town park area.

Tom then discussed the status of the association current reforestation plan, what has been done and what still needs to happen, namely the removal of a few trees that are either dead or dying. Tom noted that Frank Fulreader is willing to work with the Association on a plan going forward to work in some additional trees – both of the ornamental variety and those to create both a sound and noise barrier along Fairport Road. Lucia Shaw suggested we reach out to Braccola and Tom Hamilton suggested we review the original plan designed a few years ago and use it as a framework going forward. It was noted that work in the Westwood park area was mostly maintenance-related with the exception of tree removal and replanting. Tom noted that Terry Rogelstad has already marked a number of trees, in patches, which he proposes the Association remove, either because they are dead, dying or upstart Norway Maples. It was agreed that hardwood trees be planted to replace any trees that are removed. Tom then noted that the mats which were placed in the Westwood pond a few years ago seem to be working but that we need to keep our eye on the cattail problem so that it doesn't come back. He also noted that we may put more fish into the pond this year and noted that the water table is always a variable that needs to be worked around.

At this point, Tom introduced Ross Ruhland to the group and explained that he was a local boy scout in Troup 209 working on his Eagle Scout and that Ross has put together a proposal for a walking path within the Westwood park area, complete with benches. Ross introduced himself and his father to the group and explained his proposal to create an approximately 3 to 4 foot wide, 80 yard long, walking path of mulch around the pond with entrances at various points. Ross also mentioned that he would build benches, bird houses and bat houses. He pointed out the benefits to be gained by the bird and bat houses and explained that his troupe, family and friends were prepared to start work on this project in May. He took questions from the group regarding the types of materials to be used for the benches, the size of the path, the entrance areas, etc. Members of the group made various suggestions to include the planting of wild flowers. The group was fairly receptive to the idea but a few neighbors wished to review the plan in detail and perhaps provide additional comment at a later time.

Tom then noted additional work that he hopes to see completed this summer, especially the repair of certain of the street signs. He asked for volunteers to help, noting that these signs are a unique characteristic of the neighborhood.

He then briefly discussed the status of the Lincoln Road road project and vacant homes within the neighborhood.

Tom then turned the meeting over to Terry Rogelstad who spoke to the group regarding the current re-assessment of homes within the Town. Terry encouraged everyone to make an appointment and to speak with the assessors office regarding their assessment. He provided information to the group on where they could go to gather and collect additional information regarding recent sales, home valuations and the assessment process generally.

Karin Wormley asked about the possibility of ice skating on either of the ponds next winter. The group discussed the fact that in the past when the Lake Crescent was allowed to freeze over, that kids from outside of the neighborhood were using it to skate on and that perhaps Westwood would be better suited, since it was much more shallow and out of sight of more people.

Lastly, the group discussed the problem of speeding within the neighborhood and how to solve the problem. A committee was put together to explore alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.