

**Forest Hills Neighborhood Association
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 18, 2010

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Forest Hills Neighborhood Association was called to order at 35 Ridgeview Drive at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 18, 2010.

Present were Tom Quinn (President), Pat Farchione (Vice President), Linda & Ed Dunn (Treasurer), Alex Neubert (Secretary), the following street reps: Dan Bogdan, Ken Dodgson and Colleen Robinson and the following neighbors: Rasin Moser and Ed Zelazny.

Tom Quinn then called the meeting to order. The first item of business was a review of the September 16, 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 review and discussion of the Treasurer's financial report. The committee discussed and approved setting a budget of \$150 in 2011 for the golf outing.

Tom then advised the committee that the Town of Perinton Historical Society contacted Ken regarding whether our neighborhood would to consider open house tours. The committee discussed how homes would be selected, security personnel/volunteers stationed within each home on the tour, parking issues within our neighborhood, the proposed timeframe (April/May), etc. The committee also discussed that this group seemed much more organized than the Landmark Society, an organization that has also approached us in the past regarding home tours and after a discussed, the committee agreed that we should put this out to the neighborhood for consideration. Ken Dodgson noted that he has no affiliation with this group and that the PHS contacted him and he passed the information along to Tom.

The committee then discussed and reviewed the bid process relating to the proposed planting project in both Lake Crescent and Westwood park areas, the bids that were received from five local landscape/lawn service companies. The group discussed at length each bid, the cost/benefit analysis, the value of services to be received, the five bids (some of which seemed incomplete) and ultimately agreed that one company (Evergreen) met or exceeded our expectations. Rasin Moser advised the committee that he knew a local botanist (Carol Southby) whom he thought would be willing to review our planting plan for a fee and make any necessary adjustments or suggestions that would best suit our park areas. The group noted that our timeframe was Spring and that therefore there was time for someone to review the park areas if it was done quickly. The committee agreed to set aside a maximum of \$500 for this service and that it was worth having an expert set of eyes review our plan before the shovel hits the dirt and we get the "cart ahead of the horse". The committee then agreed that Tom should contact Evergreen to advise them that we have accepted their bid but that the Association would like to have a local botanist review our planting plan and perhaps make some slight modifications and to confirm that their bid wouldn't change.

Tom and Ed Zelazny then provided the group with an update on the status of our neighborhood street signs repair project. Ed advised the group that he and Bill Holiday completely removed all of the lettering from the west-facing side of the sign at the center entrance on Fairport Road as many of the letters were broken or missing and that this particular side of the sign was mostly invisible from view as brush and underplantings had grown up and around the sign. They used these letters to repair missing or broken letters on other signs and then Ed painted the signs and Bill painted all of the letters. He advised the group that they only repaired the entrance signs and not the signs within the neighborhood. The group discussed whether reflective paint

on the signs or solar lights might help to illuminate the street signs. The Executive Committee thanks Bill and Ed for their work.

The next item of discussion regarding recent sales, homes in foreclosure and the net effect on our assessments. The group agreed that our assessments on whole seem high in relation to neighboring areas. This is due in part to single and double-digit increases in our collective assessments over the last six to eight years and that current assessments are out of sync with the few recent sales within the neighborhood. The group also discussed the fact that our school taxes are higher than neighboring school district and the negative effect this has on the neighborhood. Tom's only suggestion was that the neighborhood and neighbors individually make the Town aware that we are aware of what is going on within the neighborhood with respect to sales, foreclosures, home values, etc.

There being no further business or discussions at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for January 20, 2011 at Sally & Ken Dodgson's house (13 Regency Drive).