

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 4, 2008

In attendance:

Tadas Birutis
Jerry Harlow
Matt Johnson
Roger Westman

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M.

The minutes for the October meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted. Minutes for the July and November meetings are still pending completion. The need to have all 2008 minutes to Jerry for audit purposes was pointed out.

President's Report

No visitors were present.

Matt Johnson reported on having attended the Westmont village meeting regarding the proposed Multi-Family Ordinance that is currently in draft. While many legalities are still in process, Matt voiced his support for the spirit of the initiative at the meeting.

The date of the next Board Meeting was discussed and approved for Thursday, January 8th, 2009 at 7:00 P.M

Members Forum

There were no topics for the Members Forum.

Treasurer's Report

Jerry Harlow reported that the OHA has 12 properties that currently owe multi-year dues. A listing of these addresses is to be sent to Roger Westman for a tax record check in an effort to locate owners of any abandoned properties.

Vice President's Report

Roger Westman discussed dates for the 2009 Summer and Fall Garage Sales to be sent out in January.

Roger requested we have any committee minutes, most relevantly the LMC, sent to the Board so that we are more currently informed with committee happenings. Similarly, the topic of summaries pertaining to official Oakwood events being documented and submitted was also discussed. In addition, documentation should be submitted if a board member of committee meets with outside entities like the Village of Westmont. Memos should be appended to monthly Board minutes as appropriate.

Roger brought up the algae blooms on Lake Charles as a topic of concern for 2008. The LMC is looking into the ability to harvest (or have the algae harvested) as opposed to treating it. A proposal will be forthcoming.

Committee Reports

Lake Management

The Board addressed the need to have a stand-in present at Board meetings if Ken can not attend a meeting. Tadas reported that the LMC has been working on reducing costs where possible in anticipation of other costs, such as plants, rising. Tadas also reported that Bubblers have been successful in keeping the lake's oxygen levels up, and the fish are doing well.

Communication

Jerry Harlow reported that the Oak Leaf newsletters will be delivered about a week late. The March 1st newsletter will be next, and articles will be due on February 1st.

Landscape Committee

Tadas is looking into an electrician to fix the light at the Ogden avenue entrance that is not working.

Technical

Matt Johnson reported on the need to expand on-line hosting of documents to include searchable functionality within the documents. New quotes for the hosting and scanning work are forthcoming.

Social Committee

No report this month.

2009 Goals

Tadas discussed briefly algae control and the swale correction matters as added goals for 2009.

Budget Discussion

\$2000 was added to the LMC budget for swale corrections in 2009.

\$500 was dropped from the Communications budget.

The Tech Committee budget was reduced from \$4000 to \$1500.

A dues increase to \$111.00 was approved. Motion was made by Matt Johnson, second by Tadas Birutis, and carried by vote.

Old Business

A draft letter to go to the property owner regarding the dilapidated retaining wall which is collapsing into Lake Charles was put together by Jerry Harlow. The letter to the owner will go out and the Board will expect a reply by early March, at which point the Board will escalate to the Village if necessary.

New Business

The idea of enabling vendor recommendations / positive feedback was discussed. Investigation into the "Angie's List" was proposed to aid in definition of further direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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