

Highgate on the Lake
Draft Board Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2013

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. at the Mulder residence. Present were board members Josh Mulder, Jake McDermott, Jeremy Jungman, and Dave Levstek.

It was brought to the board's attention that some residents are dumping their branch prunings on the fire pit, but not burning up their branches. The board would like to remind everyone that each family is responsible for maintaining their own property and we are all collectively responsible for maintaining the common property of the sub. It is not fair to push or dump your leaves or branches onto the common areas and expect others to take care of it for you. Jake questioned whether the burn pit was consistent with City of Wixom ordinances at this point, which Josh took the responsibility to verify.

The board discussed the usage of the two trash bins at the park and beach areas. It seems that the predominance of the trash at the park is "doggie bags". Invariably the trash bags shift and the rain gets in, creating an enormous mess. The board agreed to remove the park bin for now and leave every resident responsible for their own trash. Temporary bins will be brought in for events like clean-ups, the annual meeting, and the summer party.

Leaf collection by the city will be from November 4-11 in our sub. Please bag your leaves until we are closer to that date!

Jeremy reported on the current budget for the sub. Most of the dollars for 2013 have been spent, except for a couple reimbursements for events and the beach maintenance.

Jeremy brought up ideas for the 2014 budget, which will be discussed and finalized at the November board meeting. While most of the discretionary funds have been used for the bike path in the last 5 years, there is only one segment remaining in that project. We do not expect to have enough funds to finish it next year, but would like to segment funds for 2015. In addition, we would like to replace the bench at the park, possibly replace the picnic tables at the park and beach, and refinish the deck at the beach. Materials budgets will be developed for each of those projects. We also expect to bring in sand for the beach, and possibly some for the playground in 2014.

Lastly, Jeremy brought up the three residents delinquent on their dues. One house has gone into foreclosure, and we must await the outcome of those proceedings before we can recover any funds. We have moved to place a lien on the second house for two years of dues, late fees, and legal fees. The third house is nearly ten years in arrears, already has a lien, and Jeremy will discuss with the attorney what further actions are available to us.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be, **Sunday, November 10th, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Mulder residence. Please note the change in time.