

Highgate on the Lake

Annual Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2010

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The meeting began at 9:00 am in the park. Present were board members Tom Hamm, Jennifer Mulder, Heidi Skodack, Sara Jonckheere, Kurt Kazyak, Rob Santoni, and Dean Temple along with association members from at least 8 households (sign up sheets were not signed by everyone due to the rain.)

City of Wixom

Richard Ziegler (Deputy Mayor), Patrick Beagle (City Council), James Cutright (City Council), John Lee (City Council) and Tony Nowicki (Assistant City Manager) were all present. The deputy mayor reiterated that the city has made cut backs and is working with a skeleton staff that work limited hours. That staff was scheduled to get a pay raise in July and voted to not take a pay increase due to the tough economic times that the city is facing. Between that and the stabilization fund that was set aside when the city found out that the Ford plant would be closing, most city services have continued without interruption.

The assistant city manager addressed questions about the plans for the Ford plant. The plan explained at the annual meeting last year is still moving forward but at a much slower pace than they had hoped. A crew of 200 people are working two shifts at the plant to begin the clean up process. The two companies that are scheduled to move into the plant were denied loans from the Department of Energy. However, the Department of Energy invited a select amount of applicants (including the two planning to move into the Ford plant), to get advice from them on how to fix their proposal/application to better their chances. The city of Wixom officials are optimistic that the plan for the Ford plant will still continue as planned.

Next year, sidewalks/bike paths will be continued on Loon Lake Road. According to the assistant city manager, they will be on our subdivision's side of the road.

A question was posed about the Wixom apartments and the city officials agreed that the majority of police calls and crime in the city take place in the apartments. There is a rental ordinance in place (for apartments and houses being rented) that will enable the city to make sure the properties are up to date on all codes. As a part of this ordinance, there is wording about the unit being used for only one family and is based on the number of beds in each unit. Based on word of mouth and tax records, the city can check on rental units and any violation will mean closure of the unit and or fees to both the owner and the renter.

A resident was concerned about cars speeding on Chanticleir Circle. The city officials explained that research has shown stop signs to not always be very effective and often causes cars to speed up, not slow down. Their suggestion was to talk to your neighbors about the speed limit and contact the police because they can ticket the offenders.

A resident asked about repairing our streets in the subdivision. There is an ongoing study that evaluates the distress on certain roads in the city to determine which need to be repaired first. We were told that they would let us know the results when the study was complete.

The final question for the city was if there was a way to get our bike paths replaced when they came through to create the sidewalks. City officials said we would have to meet with them when it got closer but often the machinery they use is wider (8ft) than what the paths currently are and they would be using concrete and we currently have asphalt. We vocalized that we would prefer to have concrete bike paths if there was a discounted price. A resident reported that he was on the board when they repaired and resurfaced the bikepaths about 15 years ago. He said the company they used was ASI and the owner was Dan Isreal at the time. He said they had

the 4ft equipment that would be needed for our paths back then. The next board can contact this company to see if this is still an option.

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The budget was presented by Jen Mulder, treasurer. At this point there is about \$31,000 in savings. \$17,000 of that money has been set aside for the bike paths. We cut a lot this year and plan to do the same in the future in order to save as much money as possible for the bike paths. In going through the budget, Jen mentioned that 1 house didn't pay their dues this year, 3 houses were assessed late fees and 3 houses have liens on them but two of those should be resolved in the next year.

The bylaws passed. The new bylaws have been signed and notarized. The next board will need to file the bylaws to make it official.

There was a concern from a resident about all of the grass in the sand around the playground. It was sprayed twice this summer but the grass continued to grow. It was added to the list of fall clean up needs. A suggestion was made that if anyone is in need of community service hours, they could gain those hours by taking care of the grass in that area to make it more presentable.

Another concerned resident asked about the status of the city taking care of the islands and replacing the trees that were taken down. The city is now saying that they are not responsible for them and will not plant any trees. The next board will continue to contact the city to get this matter resolved.

Beach News: Hopefully all residents enjoyed the hot summer weather and took advantage of one our subdivisions great jewels, the beach area this past summer. We have now taken out the docks and raft which officially brings the season to a close. Special thanks goes to Joe Klimczak for single handedly bringing the raft to shore. Thank you Pat Crowley, James Crowley, Dean Temple and Kurt Kazyak for getting the docks and raft stored for the winter. If anyone has suggestions as to what/how we can make the beach area better for next summer, please forward your suggestions to Kurt Kazyak or one of the Highgate on the Lake board members.

Now that the bylaws have passed, the board moves from 9 members to 7 members. With the members whose terms were done and the members who chose not to return to the board, there was a need for 2 additional members. Dean Temple agreed to stay on the board. John Pavelko volunteered to fill the final position.

The new board members that were present met briefly after the meeting. Days and times of upcoming meetings will be posted on the website. The fall clean up date will be decided on by the new board.

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