

Highgate on the Lake

Board Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2009

The meeting began at 7:00pm at Tom Hamm's home. Present were board members Tom Hamm, Dean Temple, Jennifer Mulder, Sara Jonckheere, Kurt Kazyak, Rob Santoni, Danielle McDermott, Heidi Skodack and Shannon Gohrmann. Also present were residents Sharon LaFlamme, Maria, Keith, Thomas & Kellan Branoff, Mike, Joe and Sam Woznicki, Drew & Drake Temple, Alec, Kyle & Brett Gohrmann.

President's Report

- New positions were established. Board members updated everyone on the status of their position to prepare new members. The treasurer estimates that after the remaining bills have been paid, there will be approximately \$20,000 left in the bank account at the end of the year. The Board decided that we will continue to use the website as much as possible. Our goal is to have meeting minutes and newsletters online exclusively beginning in the new year. Paper copies will be available upon request.

Old Business

- **Documents** – The bylaws did not pass as proposed. There were a total of 68 households that voted – 37 no, 31 yes. Some areas of concern that residents have voiced were the lack of a cap on the dues and commercial vehicle/trailer weight. The board tabled discussion on these items at this time.

New Business

- A concern was raised from a resident about parking backwards on the street. The board advises the resident to contact the City of Wixom police since the car is on city property.
- The docks have been removed at the beach. Thank you to those who helped with the removal process.
- Fall Clean Up will be Saturday, October 17. Meet in the park at 9:30am.
- Board meetings will continue to be held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm.

Public Comment

- Time for public comment was requested today. The comments were regarding dirt ramps, jumps and tracks for bikes in the wooded area. The residents requested to be allowed to continue creating and using the jumps for enjoyment purposes. They presented the board with a petition they had signed by members of the subdivision. The board explained that this activity was prohibited in 2007 after consultations with an arborist determined that this type of activity was damaging to the root base of the trees. **According to the minutes from April 22, 2007 "A determination was made by the Board that from the date of this meeting forward, the building of dirt ramps, jumps, etc. in any wooded area of the subdivision is now banned. This includes shoveling dirt/sand out of the play structure area."** The board also expressed concern

over the liability issues that this type of activity creates for the members of the board and the residents of the subdivision. A compromise was offered that would allow the activities to continue on wood and plastic jumps near the bike paths, not in the woods. It was also suggested that the concerned residents could work with the social committee to plan activities and events that were more appropriate for their age bracket. Both compromises/suggestions were denied by the concerned residents. Residents requested that we talk to the lawyer and the insurance company to investigate the liability aspect. The board voted to spend the time and money to research this further. In the meantime, the residents were asked not to dig or build ramps but told they could ride their bikes until the matter is resolved at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. **The next meeting is October 11 at 7pm at the Hamm residence (1560 Gramercy Ct.)**

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