

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
OCTOBER 14, 2013**

Attendees: Sonny Garza, Bonnie Johnson, Glenn Nordell, Mark Smith, Chris Steenwyk

Meeting called to order by Sonny Garza.

Introduction of new officers by Sonny Garza: Chris Steenwyk, President; Mark Smith, Vice President; Bonnie Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion to approve minutes made by Bonnie and seconded by Mark.

Treasurer's Report

\$31,992.87	Checking
<u>41,597.80</u>	Savings
\$73,590.67	Total

Motion to accept treasurer's report made by Glenn and seconded by Mark.

Architectural Review

Landscaping & patio on Spruce
Pool on Oak
Retaining wall on Oak

Landscape & Maintenance

Waterfall has been shut off for some time due to water level being low. Winterizing of the waterfall and sprinklers will take place soon.

Rollins Aquatic will be pulling the fountain in the middle pond on October 31st and storing for the winter.

Several trees were removed this year as they were infected and several new bushes and roses were put in. To date no trees have been replaced and some of the new bushes have died but will be replaced.

Social Committee

Neighborhood block party was a success. Pat reported that there was plenty of food and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the time to visit with neighbors.

2014 Budget

Two items have increased this year and they are Plant Material Replacement and the reserves. Dredging of our ponds could cost \$50,000-\$100,000 each (depending on which method we choose- suction or digging) which is why we need to work to build our reserves. Mapping of the ponds has been done and was shared with homeowners during the meeting. All ponds will have to be dredged within the next five years.

Motion to approve budget made by Bonnie and seconded by Mark.

New Business

Members of the board will be meeting with the Village of Sugar Grove on Tuesday, October 15th to discuss the recent road paving which took place in the subdivision. Many homeowners have shared their comments with the board and these concerns will be brought to the attention of the Village.

Concerns brought to the attention of the board:

- Homeowners were notified the day before paving began
- Village did not adhere to schedule
- Kaneland school transportation, post office, garbage, delivery services were not notified of the road paving leaving students to walk several blocks in the rain to get home
- Communication between the Village and the homeowners association was very poor

Another concern in the neighborhood is solicitors. Recently there was a semi that came through as well as a van full of people. The Village issued permits to these solicitors because they met the requirements and paid the fee. Homeowners are concerned that this gives strangers the opportunity to check out our neighborhood and with the recent car break ins that we have had they feel this needs to stop. The board plans to address this issue with the Village. We do have a sign in the front that states no soliciting but unfortunately that does not stop them.

Homeowner Concerns

Does Village tell solicitors which neighborhoods have “no soliciting” allowed? *Not that we are aware of.*

How does it work if there are duplicate proxy's? *The later dated proxy holds.*

Will we have the garland and wreaths at Christmas again this year? *Yes. We will be working with Santa's Helpers again this year.*

What about luminaries? *No.*

Have we asked for core samples of the ponds? If they remove clay liner to dredge all that is under that is sand which means the ponds would not hold water. Are we sure dredging will work? *We have not asked for core samples but will. We will investigate dredging and make an informed decision when necessary.*

Why do we need to dredge? *Each time we treat the ponds for algae the algae sinks to the bottom of the pond which over time lowers the water level. Dredging will help to remove the excess algae at the bottom.*

Elections

Elections were started by our lawyer and nominations for elections were closed at 7:49 PM. Ballots were distributed and proxy's counted. Each candidate spoke briefly about themselves before voting took place. Ballots closed at 7:56 PM. Three positions open and four candidates.

Results: Janet Lamberton – 1 year term, Mark Smith – 2 year term, Glenn Nordell – 2 year term

Meetings for 2014 are to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris and seconded by Mark.