

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS
HOMEOWNERS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2014**

Attendees: Derek Chimenti, Bonnie Johnson, Janet Lamberton, Mark Smith, Chris Steenwyk

Meeting called to order by Chris Steenwyk.

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

Treasurer's Report

\$ 40,800.60	Checking
<u>61,863.09</u>	Savings
\$101,663.69	Total

Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Mark and seconded by Bonnie.

Old Business

The annual block party went well. Thank you to Pat Graceffa for all of her hard work in organizing this event. We did have a few people say that they did not know about it. Emails were sent to homeowners who have email and signs were at each entrance announcing the block party. Pat is thinking that maybe next year we need to do something a little different and maybe a different weekend.

Architectural Review

927 Spruce - Exterior Modification – retaining wall

Landscape & Maintenance

We have contracted with Alan Landscaping to remove the dead trees in the common areas. Most of the trees will be replaced but not all of them. This was done to keep the cost down. We are proposing to transplant grasses from the main entryway to where we have lost bushes/shrubs in common areas. Derek will do a walk through with Bill from Alan to confirm what needs to be done. Mulch and perennials will be done as well.

The regular swings in Bliss Park have been replaced.

Luna will turn off the sprinkler system the second week of November and the waterfall will be turned off and winterized the first week of November. The reason the sprinklers will stay on so late is because of new plantings that may need water.

There was a blockage of weeds and cattails within the 20' pipe that flows into the concrete catch basin located midsection on the east side of the pond. This was discovered and cleared after the 2" rainfall on September 18th. We are working with Rollins to get a quote to spray and/or cut the cattails and possibly clear the channel. We will also have them check to make sure the other grates are clear and ask them to check them on a regular basis. Pond treatments have been done as needed.

Seasonal Decorations

We have received a quote from Alan Landscaping to do our Christmas lights this year. We have agreed to a two year contract with them. Last year we had multiple problems with the lights staying lit. This year we are planning to go with artificial garland which will decrease our cost for next year. We will also have lights and wreaths as we have had in the past. Some of the trees that we will put lights on will need to be trimmed next year as they are getting very tall.

2016 Budget

We are not increasing the budget for 2016, but are adding some new line items. We have added Grub Control, Park Drainage Repair and Pond Channel. Funds were moved from other line items to open the new line items.

Motion to approve the 2016 budget was made by Janet and seconded by Mark.

Homeowner Questions & Concerns

Glenn Nordell presented information to the Board in hopes that a half-court basketball court could be added at Bliss Park. He contacted the homeowner directly behind the playground (which is where he is proposing the court to be) to see if they would be in favor of the court and unfortunately they had concerns regarding the noise and privacy. Glenn received an estimate from a contractor for \$8,300 for a concrete court.

The Board reported that they had done some research on cost as well. The Sugar Grove Park District was contacted to see what they have been paying for both a concrete and an asphalt court. They quoted us \$26,000 for a half-court with concrete, and \$15,000 for a half-court with asphalt. It was unanimous with the Board that homeowner input would be needed for this proposal. A special assessment would have to be implemented to cover the cost. It was agreed that the next mailing that went out would include a straw poll. The Board will report back with the outcome of the straw poll.

What if a child got hurt on the court? (We would have to post signs, but it would be no different than if a child got hurt on the playground.)

Has the homeowner behind the playground complained of any noise issues currently? (Not that we are aware of.)

There are concerns of children from other subdivisions using the court if put in. It was also noted that in other subdivisions the basketball courts are set away from the homes and that we would be responsible for the upkeep of the courts.

Are there basketball courts at the school? (Yes.)

How will the homeowners respond to the straw poll? (By mail or email.)

Janet shared that with this past weekend being Homecoming she saw many kids using our waterfall as a background for their pictures. It's great that we are recognized for our waterfall and should work to keep it maintained. She shared that our waterfall is one of two subdivision pictures on the Village's website. She also shared that she caught a couple of kids pulling a large rock off the waterfall. She asked them to put it back and sent them on their way.

Board Elections

Board elections were held and all current Board members were re-elected. They are Derek Chimenti (2 year term), Bonnie Johnson (1 year term), Janet Lamberton (1 year term), Mark Smith (2 year term), Chris Steenwyk (2 year term).

Motion to close the nominations was made by Betty Wells and seconded by Dwayne Davis. All voted in favor to keep all current Board members.

Meeting dates for 2016 are to be determined.

Motion to adjourn made by Bonnie and seconded by Janet.