

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS
HOMEOWNERS MEETING
APRIL 18, 2016**

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

Absent: Mark Smith

Meeting was called to order by Chris Steenwyk at 7 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report

\$ 57,596.19	Checking
<u>62,053.55</u>	Savings
\$119,649.74	Total

Motion to approve the treasurer's report made by Janet and seconded by Derek.

The bank that we have been using to deposit association dues is no longer working with homeowner associations. We have another bank account that we will begin using for this purpose. Please make sure you are sending your payments to the correct bank.

Architectural Review

915 Spruce – Exterior Modification – roofing, siding, gutters
621 Hickory – Fence

Landscape & Maintenance

There have been improvements to Cardinal Park to address the flooding issue in the playground. New drain tile has been run, sloping has been created for better drainage and new mulch has been put down.

Algae treatments will be done on an as need basis. We have also been cutting back around the ponds to keep that 10 foot border. Cattails have been sprayed and you will notice that they are dying off.

Muskrat trapping is complete. We have noticed a decrease in their numbers since we began trapping. We will continue to monitor this issue and trap as needed.

We would like to form a committee that would work together to get information on what the best plan would be for the channel by the waterfall. It is overgrown with sediment and is narrow and shallow. The intake for the waterfall is in this area and the water needs to be a specific level to keep the waterfall running. The Board needs input from the homeowners as this will be a very costly project.

Luna Irrigation will install the sprinkler system at the end of the week. We are working to secure a date that the waterfall will be turned on.

Alan Horticulture has cut away dead plants around the waterfall and is working on the replacement of trees in the common areas. They will be moving some of the grasses from the front entrance to other areas due to over growth. The grub treatment has been completed and new mulch has been put down. There are several scrub trees around the ponds that we have asked to be removed as well.

New Business

We have not heard when other subdivisions are holding their annual garage sales, except for Prestbury which is set for May 14th. We have had a request to have ours in June. If someone would like to take the lead with advertising please let us know.

It was brought to our attention that there were spelling errors in our Rules & Regulations. We will work to get this corrected.

Homeowner Questions & Concerns

When will the dead cattails be removed from the ponds? (They won't. They have been sprayed so they will die and fold in.)

We have the highest level of maintenance according to our Covenants. Why are we not maintaining the cattails? (We are maintaining them, but maybe not at the level that you would like.)

What is the spring schedule for the cattails? (There is no schedule as they have already been treated.)

When the association first began we physically pulled the dead cattails out of the ponds to avoid over growth. (We are intentionally allowing the cattails and bulrush to grow. We are keeping it to a 10 foot border. If it becomes more than that then we are killing them. With the mild winter we had many of the cattails were not severed which generally happens.)

How do we kill the cattails? (Alan Horticulture uses a targeted spray.)

If we are not going to maintain, then we need to get rid of them completely. (We can look into the cost of having them cut down. Alan didn't think it was worth the cost. We can poll the homeowners to see if everyone is in agreement on having them cut down.)

As a homeowner, are you in agreement to raise the association dues to cover the cost of pulling the cattails each year? (Absolutely.)

Please read the document that was sent out to all homeowners that outlines the Associations plans for landscape and maintenance over the next several months. This is the first complaint we have had this year regarding the cattails. Cattails can take over if you don't maintain but having them cut down each year may be an expensive route to go. We will look into this.

When were the cattails sprayed? (They were sprayed back in the fall.)

What trees are being removed? (Mostly Ash trees.)

What kind of trees are we putting in? (Mostly flowering pears.)

What is the purpose of the committee you want created? (To investigate what we should do. We have had a couple of companies look at it but we have not been getting precise information.)

Will the committee be making the decision? (No. Their job would only be to investigate a solution and report back to the Board. This is a very complicated project that needs homeowners input.)

You will probably need a core of engineers since our ponds connect to Windstone.

There has been more traffic on Elm Street than usual from Hannaford residents who are exceeding the speed limit. This issue was mentioned at a recent meeting that they were at. As a homeowner, I am concerned about the park on the corner. (We can't stop Hannaford from using our subdivision to get to theirs but we could ask the police department to monitor Elm for us.)

Is there a certain time of the day that you notice more traffic? (Yes, in the morning and then again around 2:30 p.m.)

Could we put up a sign that says "Children at Play" near the park? (We need something more visual than just a sign.)

What about speed bumps? (There was no response to this.)

Could we ask Hannaford to bring this up at their next homeowners meeting? (I know someone on their Board and they would just laugh this off.)

Did we use a different company for the Christmas lights? (Yes we did. Once we figured out what was tripping the breaker they stayed on. The wreaths were not the size we had intended, but it did look nice.) Did you like them? (Yes.)

With prom right around the corner, we need to work on getting the waterfall turned on. Lots of kids like to have their pictures taken by it.

Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. made by Chris and seconded by Derek.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11th at the Park District Senior Room.