

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS
HOMEOWNERS MEETING
JULY 13, 2015**

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

Absent: Derek Chimenti

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

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

Treasurer's Report

\$36,732.84	Checking
<u>61,863.09</u>	Reserves
\$98,595.93	Total

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

The Sugar Grove Police Department sent two officers to speak at our meeting regarding vandalism that has been happening in our subdivision and other subdivisions around us. They suspect teenagers in the area. If you see anything that looks suspicious they are asking that you please call 911 immediately. This is the only way an officer will be dispatched. They generally patrol our neighborhood 2-3 times in an eight hour shift.

Comments/Questions: Once school begins, will you be out to patrol the bus stops? (Yes.) Is there anything we can do about solicitors? (Not if they have a permit.) Can we ask the Village to not give out permits for our subdivision? (No.) Do they have to provide a picture ID to get a permit? (Yes and their picture is now on their permit. Politicians, newspapers and youth groups are exempt from permits.) How enforceable is our sign at the main entrance that states "no soliciting, no fishing, etc."? (For soliciting you have to actually put a sign on your door that says "no solicitors". The police have responded to our calls regarding non-residents fishing in our ponds.) How many officers are generally patrolling on each shift? (It varies, but the minimum is 2.)

Landscape & Maintenance

Rollins Aquatic is who we are using to care for our ponds. Derek met with Rollins to discuss concerns that homeowners have had. We will leave 10 feet of cattail around perimeters to help keep the geese out. We will monitor this, and spray if necessary so that they don't take over the ponds. Corners of the ponds may have more than the perimeters.

Luna is taking care of our irrigation. We have not yet had to run the sprinklers due to all of the rain we have been getting. When we do start to run them, they will be set up so that they are not running every day. Last year we installed new sprinkler pumps and a header.

Alan Landscaping is taking care of our lawn maintenance. You will notice that we have taken down dead ash trees and will replace them with different trees. In some cases, where there were multiple trees close together we may not be replacing all of them. We are also looking at grasses and perennials that need to be replaced. We will mulch this year, as it has been two years since we last did this.

New Business

We have received a quote to paint the picnic tables and railroad ties at the parks. Cardinal Park is still having drainage issues. In the past we put in a French drain, which has not worked well. We will be meeting with the Village to see if we can tie our drain into the storm drains.

The Village has finally cut down the dead ash trees in the parkways. They will not be replacing them unless you as a homeowner want to participate in the 50/50 program.

We have been getting estimates for mosquito spraying.

We have one vacant home that we have hired Alan Landscaping to mow and weed.

Comments/Questions: Have we contacted the bank about this vacant home? (Yes, and we have had no luck with them.) Who is paying for the mowing and weeding? (The Association is.) Is there a lien on the home? (No.) What about having homeowners volunteer to mow? (This would be a liability for the Association.) Whose car has been in the driveway of this vacant home? (The car belongs to the neighbors. Not sure why they are parking there.)

Homeowner Questions & Concerns

Is there a reason for all of this work around the ponds? Isn't this costly? (Keeping the grasses and cattails at 10 feet around the pond helps to keep the geese out, it's less attractive to those who like to fish, and it helps to keep debris out of the ponds. This is not costly to the Association.)

Could we look into putting a half-court basketball court at Bliss Park? (What we need to do first is survey the homeowners to see who would be interested in this. If there is enough interest then we could look into some estimates.)

Could we talk to another subdivision that has basketball courts to see what their cost was and what the maintenance cost might be? (We could if there is enough homeowner interest.)

Could we see who Windstone uses for their Christmas lights? (Yes.)

Who have we been using for our Christmas lights? (Santa's Helpers.)

Do we have any park maintenance in the winter? (No.)

Motion to adjourn made by Mark and seconded by Chris.