

**Lakes of Bliss Woods  
Homeowners Association Meeting  
July 20, 2009**

**Attendees:** Sonny Garza, Bonnie Johnson, Mark Smith, Mark Smith, Chris Steenwyk

Meeting called to order by Sonny Garza.

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

**Treasurer's Report**

\$43,434.58	Checking
<u>20,000.00</u>	CD
\$63434.58	Total

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

We are currently working on the budget for next year and do not plan to increase the association dues.

**New Business**

We have caught 25 muskrats while trapping. There are currently no traps in the ponds at this time. They may be back in a few weeks. We need to make sure we stay within the allotted budget for trapping.

The fountain in the center pond is temporary and will be taken down in a week. We have, however been offered the opportunity to purchase the fountain at a discounted price of \$850 with a two year warranty. There currently is no money budgeted for this kind of purchase. Will look into.

## Architectural Review

<b>Date Approved</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Item Approved</b>
05/12/09	Jones, Bethany and Larry	886 Elm St.	Landscaping
05/15/09	Garza, Sonny and Kathy	624 Birch St.	Patio
06/12/09	Maisonet, Michael	616 Hickory	Retaining wall
07/09/09	Mandele, Brian	903 Elm St.	Paver patio & Natural column water fountain
07/09/09	Evers, Thomas and Tara	625 Hickory	Rain Garden
07/09/09	Ransford, Rich and Sheri	882 Elm St.	Rain Garden
07/09/09	Young/Hawk, Steve & Nancy	605 Hickory St	Rain Garden
07/09/09	Linden, Steve and Sarah	608 Hickory St	Rain Garden
07/09/09	Beaulieu, Ed and Ellen	920 Spruce St.	Pergola and paver addition
07/07/09	Johnson, Steve and Bonnie	927 Spruce St.	pondless waterfall and fountain
07/07/09	Wells, Dave and Betty	879 Elm St.	Rim rock water fountain
07/07/09	Steenwyk, Jeff and Christine	917 Spruce St.	Natural column water fountain
07/07/09	Garza, Sonny and Kathy	624 Birch St.	pondless waterfall
07/07/09	Huggins, Brad and Audrey	886 Elm St.	Water fountain
07/07/09	Spaeltzel, Jeff and Heather	613 Hickory St	brass frog water fountain
07/07/09	Hocking, Wendy	623 Hickory St.	paver addition to existing fountain
07/07/09	Nordell, Jeff and Amy	624 Hickory St.	pond and stream
07/07/09	Nordell, Glenn and Alyce	610 Pine St.	Pondless waterfall
07/07/09	Groff, Mike and Carolyn	612 Hickory St.	13 X 18 Pond
07/07/09	McCracken, Jeff and Suzanne	902 Elm St.	Natural column water fountain
07/07/09	Schlicht, Arthur	877 Elm St.	Umbrella water fountain

## Neighborhood Bliss

Extreme Green Makeover is now over. Prepping began two weeks ago and over this past weekend we had over 200 contractors out in our subdivision working. Final clean up will be on July 21<sup>st</sup>. This was a great event that brought many neighbors together. Our subdivision alone will save over 200,000 gallons of water per year. Because of this event Ed Beaulieu has been contacted by the governor's advisor. He thinks what our neighborhood has done is great and is considering having something done at the governor's mansion.

All in all it was a great weekend. If we ever have an event like this again we will need to work on the traffic flow. That seemed to be the main complaint from homeowners.

## **Landscape & Maintenance**

Sensor on north end sprinklers has been fixed.

Lighting at the north entrance is being worked on and should be done in the next couple of weeks.

Annuals were planted at both entrances.

Aeration for front pond is on its way and Ed and Ellen will help install it.

## **Social & Welcoming**

An Evite has been sent to all homeowners with information about the August 29<sup>th</sup> HOA Cookout. Those without e-mail should be receiving a notice in your door. We will do this like last year where everyone brings a dish to pass.

## **Old Business**

Landscaping contract with Alan has been renewed for two more years at the same cost we have been paying for the past three years. We were fortunate because they have been increasing costs to other homeowners associations.

The sign for the south entrance will match the signs in both parks. This sign needs to be installed for the village to enforce outsiders not to fish in our ponds. We do allow our homeowners to fish. We do ask that you not confront anyone regarding fishing in our ponds. Once the sign is installed if you see someone fishing that you know does not live in our subdivision then you need to call the police. Please let them handle it.

## **Homeowner Comments & Concerns**

Could we put up temporary signs about fishing, etc until the new one arrives? **We will look into this.**

There was much concern from one homeowner regarding all of the contractors in the subdivision over the weekend. We have a lot of children in our neighborhood and this event brought many strangers into our neighborhood. There was also a lot of traffic and many of our kids ride bikes or play in or near the streets. Homeowner claims he was not informed of this event, however e-mails were sent out and notices were placed in doors for those without e-mail to notify them. Aquascape made no profit from this event even though contractors were charged a fee to attend the weeklong event.

Now that we have lighting at the north entrance could we consider paying someone to put up the lights for Christmas at both entrances? **We will consider this cost before approving the new budget.**

Homeowner went to the Aurora Sportsman's Club on July 2<sup>nd</sup> only to be told it has been sold to a waste management company. **We suggest that if there are questions concerning this that you direct them to the Village. We do have a representative on the police commission that will address these issues. Sugar Grove has posted information regarding this land on its website.**

Homeowner on Hickory contacted Village about a dead tree in the parkway in front of his home. They came and removed it but informed him that the Village could not afford to replace it.

Homeowner concerned about pond tour this weekend and safety of our children with buses and strangers coming through again.

Other homeowners around the area came through over the weekend to see what our subdivision was doing and it was a great opportunity for our homeowners who are trying to sell their homes.

Friends of homeowners came to see what was being done in our neighborhood and they thought it was just great.

The risk of this event is far outweighed by the end result of saving water.

Grass in Hannaford has finally been mowed but not before the thistles went to seed.

Motion to adjourn made by Mark and seconded by Chris.

Next meeting is August 31<sup>st</sup> at the Community House in upstairs meeting room.