

**LAKES OF BLISS WOODS  
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
MAY 5, 2008**

**Attendees:** Sonny Garza, Mark A. Smith, Chris Steenwyk

Meeting was called to order by Sonny Garza.

Motion to approve the minutes from October 8, 2007, was made by Chris and seconded by Mark. All approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Neighborhood Bliss**

Neighborhood Bliss will hold a clean-up day on Sunday, May 25. Meet at 920 Spruce (Beaulieu) at 12 noon. They will be planting some annuals and perennials at the North entrance. They also will be cleaning up the trees/plants around Bliss Park and the North entrance.

**Architectural Review**

1025 Oak St.	Patio and Landscaping
918 Elm St.	Landscaping

**Landscape**

Alan Horticultural Enterprises handles the landscaping for our subdivision. They are out here every Friday mowing.

Sonny will meet with them on May 14 to discuss the following areas:

- Waterfall pump - need better plant coverage around pump
- South entrance – burning bushes at the South entrance are growing at different rates. Need to move them to another location and plant something more durable in those locations.
- South entrance sign – light is shining into resident’s windows at 901 Spruce. We will see what type of hedges they recommend to defuse the light.

Mulch was added in some common areas which were not covered last year.

**Maintenance**

Waterfall is on.

Algae treatment for ponds is done at least once a month, more if needed. Scientific Aquatic will be coming out soon for the first treatment this year.

Sprinkler System is not ready yet. Call The Underground will be coming out soon to put the intake hose into the ponds and prepare the sprinklers. The system is

set on timers and last year we had rain sensors installed so that the sprinklers to not run when it is raining.

Fishing in the ponds – We have had complaints that non-residents are parking their vehicles around the neighborhood to fish in our ponds. Sonny spoke to Sugar Grove Police Sgt. Gilkey about this matter. Sgt. Gilkey said that they were called out one night about persons fishing in our ponds and these persons were told to leave. However, since there is no signage out, there is not much the police can do. After discussion with the residents that attending this meeting, it was decided that we needed signage stating “Private property-Residents Only” by the ponds and parks. Sonny will discuss the proper verbiage with our attorney.

Waterfall- We have had problems this year already with kids and adults climbing the waterfall. We will see if we can put signage up there also.

Flags- New flags have been put up. New Bliss Woods flags have been ordered. We had a problem with the light but John Elleby (LOBW resident who handles electrical issues) fixed it.

Sign light at South entrance, south side – We have problems with getting electricity to this location. There are legal issues with the easement. Our attorney is working with the Village attorney to correct the easement with Lot 1.

Muskrat control – We are in year 2 for controlling them. Muskrats are causing big erosion problems around the ponds, especially at 901 Spruce. Muskrats have tunneled far into their yard so much that they have to be careful where they walk. The tunnels cave in when walked on. Traps were changed to live traps on all 3 ponds and they are in the water so that kids can not get trapped in them. Trapper brings the muskrats far away from here so that they do not come back. Big issue is that some people do not want them and others do. However, someone has been purposefully tripping the traps with rocks and tennis balls so that muskrats can not get caught.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Contracts**

Nemanich – signed a 3 year contract to renew their management services

Call The Underground – signed a 1 year contract for sprinkler system maintenance

Scientific Aquatics – signed a 1 year contract for pond algae treatments

Alan Horticultural – we are in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of a 3 year contract

### **Neighborhood Garage Sale**

Friday, May 30, and Saturday, May 31. Times are not set yet but will probably be 8a-4p. Chris Steenwyk will be collecting advertising money – probably will be \$2

per participating house. Advertising will list us with other subdivisions such as Windstone, Black Walnut Trails, Walnut Woods and others.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Directory**

Glenn Nordell has updated the directory. The directory is only for our subdivision use. Contact Glenn if you need a directory.

### **Website**

Up and running at [www.Blisswoods.org](http://www.Blisswoods.org) . Residents can obtain architectural review forms from the website. Some amendments to the Covenants need to be added still.

### **Speed limits**

We have not been able to get the speed limits changed to 25 mph. We will work with the HOA alliance to see multiple neighborhoods can approach the Village to get a better response. There have been complaints about speeders at Willow/Elm coming from Hannaford. Police have set up a speed trailer in Hannaford and are patrolling the area.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking	\$59,098.21
CD	<u>10,194.62</u>
Total	\$69,292.83

Website development fees were budgeted for this year but the bills were paid last year. Lighting at the south entrance was paid using unused budget items for 2007.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Mark and seconded by Sonny. All approved.

### **Other matters:**

The HOA board had been asked by a Village Trustee to mention a family in Sugar Grove that needs our help. The Wallace family that lives on Meadow near the Park District building had a fire destroy their home and possessions on Friday, May 2. A resident in Walnut Woods is accepting any clothing/furniture/etc for the family. Anything the family can not use will be sold at the community garage sale and the funds given to the family. The board will send out an email with the details.

## **HOMEOWNER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Q. What forms are needed for pergola?

A. The landscaping form is found on the website [www.blisswoods.org](http://www.blisswoods.org) .

Q. Do we know how many hits our website gets and is it worth it?

A. We do not know the number of hits. However, it is useful since it has the necessary approval forms and meeting minutes.

Q. Have we looked into improving the parks? Maybe adding a basketball court or a covered shelter area?

A. No.

Q. After the garage sale, will someone like the Purple Hearts or Amvets collect unsold items?

A. We can look into it.

Motion to adjourn was made by Sonny and seconded by Mark. All approved

Next meeting July 21, 2008, at 7p at Sugar Grove Community House.