

Minutes from Barrington Woods Subdivision Meeting of May 8, 2004

Karen Moore introduced the 3 trustees: herself-President, Kathy Latal-Treasurer, and J.J. Hancock-Secretary.

Kathy Latal gave the treasurer's report. There are 2 homeowners that have not paid the assessment and one of those has not paid for 2 years. City and Village will be applying liens against those homes. We currently have \$20,097.27 in the account. We pay for street lights, landscaping, mowing and trimming, insurance in the common ground, mailing, and cutting down trees that would cause property damage. We also have to pay 10% of what we collect in assessments to City and Village. We have 111 lots/homes in the subdivision. The insurance policy is for \$2 million in liability.

Several homeowners asked about kids playing in the common ground and who maintained it. The trustees responded that it is ok for the kids to play there, but they need to clean up after themselves. Also, if anyone is doing anything illegal back there, that needs to be reported. Years ago, there were some kids riding 4 wheeled vehicles back there, and that is illegal.

Kathy also talked about the retention pond and the current problem with erosion. She said that she had contacted Piffle who was the contractor that worked on the project. So far, they are not being too cooperative. Mr. Ruggles responded that the contract did not include access path. The erosion is caused by taking out all vegetation to access retention pond. He said that we all voted to have the work done by going the Locks Mill way. Karen Moore said we all voted to take the advice of the contractor and go Locks Mill and not Harbor Mill which would have cost more. Kathy Latal is pursuing this issue.

J.J. Hancock explained the purpose of the Neighborhood Watch program. She is the Coordinator of our program. We have Block Captains for Locks Mill, Harbor Mill Upper, but we still need a Block Captain for Smizer Mill Ct. and Harbor Springs. The police department put up new signs to show we are currently in the program. They keep us informed about crime in our area and what things to look for. We can attend a monthly meeting to hear a guest speaker. Our Neighborhood Watch contact at the new West County Police Station is Officer Lou Major; he can be reached at his office by calling 256-2149. After the meeting, we did get a volunteer to be the block captain for Smizer Mill Ct.

J.J. told about getting the No Outlet signs installed by the county. They did a study to determine the need and said that we should have had them all along. Several homeowners thought that the traffic had been less since the signs were installed.

Kathy Latal told about the cul-de-sac maintenance. All of the dead bushes and trees have been pulled out. The planted areas have been mulched, the entrances have been cleaned up and mulched. We will have low maintenance bushes planted soon. Karen told everyone that if there are dead trees in the common ground that could threaten homeowner property, the homeowner should let us know so that we can get it taken care of.

Karen talked about the leash law and said that there had been a dog catcher in the neighborhood. We have a chronic problem with dogs running loose and dropping piles in unsuspecting neighbor's yards. People who walk their dogs should always carry a bag for picking up after their dog. Some homeowners brought up the problem with a homeowner who leaves dogs out and the dogs have chased people. That is something that the trustees should know about so we can pursue it before someone gets hurt.

Karen talked about sidewalk access—trees and bushes should be trimmed to allow access to the sidewalk without injury. Homeowners could be liable if the trees should be the cause of an injury.

Linda Chambliss brought up that there was a hole in the street in front of her home. There are other holes, too, so JJ will pursue that issue.

Kathy brought up that the home inspectors from the county had been out in February and had found violations where homes were not being properly or safely maintained. They are due back during the first week in June. They usually come out every other year, but they had overlooked out subdivision for 4 years, so we were over due for an inspection. We have started a handy man list where homeowners can list someone that they have used that was dependable and reasonable.

JJ talked about the Barrington Woods website and Doug Aegerter is the web master. It will have information about our subdivision, plus the indentures, minutes from meetings, neighborhood watch, and list of trustees with phone numbers.

A homeowner suggested that we put up no trespassing signs around the retention pond. That will be done by the trustees.

The Spring Wing Fling will be held on Friday, June 11th at the corner of Locks Mill and Harbor Mill. A subdivision garage sale will be held on May 22nd for anyone who cares to participate.

Karen reminded us to drive carefully since the kids will be out more. She suggested that people be courteous and think about affect on neighbors when bringing a boat, RV or trailer to your home. She also reminded people to check with trustees about putting up fence or doing home remodeling.

The trash issue was brought up again by the homeowners. We cannot have a single carrier without changes to the bylaws and that would require more homeowners to approve those changes than would be in support of the trash single carrier. For that reason, it has been tabled for the immediate future.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by J.J. Hancock on May 17, 2004. If you have any questions or additions, please call me at 225-0247.