

Barrington Woods Subdivision: Minutes of 2/25/03 General Meeting

Karen Moore introduced the trustees as follows: Karen Moore-President, Jim VanDillen-Treasurer, and J.J. Hancock-Secretary.

Old Business

Trustee Jim VanDillen gave a report on the retention pond. The cost was close to what had been assessed to the homeowners. It was completed in October 2002, but not billed by contractor until February 2003. The construction was done between houses in the cul-de-sac of Locks Mill. We have been told that MSD will not take over maintenance.

Neighborhood Watch

Trustee J.J. Hancock introduced Officer Scott Martin, who is our current contact for Neighborhood Watch. They will be splitting the precinct in April, but we wanted to get the Watch program introduced and begin to work on it. Officer Martin talked about the Neighborhood Watch program and how it allows citizens to work with the police to keep an eye out for criminal activity in our subdivision. We will be getting our program back up and going—it has been dormant for some time. We will need a block captain for each block and the coordinator of the program will be J.J. Hancock.

Officer Martin answered questions that residents had. A car parked on the street has to be moved every 24 hours.

A

car parked on the street should be 8 feet from the mailbox or post office does not have to deliver the mail.

Residents

cannot park in the yard for any reason. By country law, solicitors can only come 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.; this does not include religious or political soliciting. It is not enforced on the scouts.

Several residents asked about speeding cars in our neighborhood. The officer suggested that we get the license number on the car and call it in to him. They will run the plates and then go to their home and discuss it. Rich Aubuchon asked about speed bumps to cut the speed violations. The police officer explained that the county would not clear the streets when it snows if there are speed bumps. There are problems such as damage to delivery trucks, etc.

The Neighborhood Watch program has a system to let coordinators know when there are problems in their area.

That

way the coordinator can pass the word within the subdivision. The program also has precinct meetings for coordinators/ block captains to assist them with the Neighborhood Watch program and information. The first Tuesday in

August is National Night Out.

Officer Martin said that some people are confused about when to call 911. The 911 number is for emergencies only.

Please call 314-889-2341 for non-emergencies. They will log the problem and handle it as a non-emergency. He also

discussed curfew for kids 16 and under: Sunday through Thursday the curfew is 11:00 p.m. and on the weekends it is

midnight. Kids out after that causing problems, call and let them know. We thanked Officer Martin for coming to our meeting.

Website

The subdivision has a website that is up and available. The website address is http://www.geocities.com/barrington_woods/. We will be able to put a newsletter out there as well as other information for resident's use.

Trash Hauling Issue:

Jim VanDillen began the discussion of having one trash company for our subdivision for our subdivision. Several residents had suggested that we investigate the costs and benefits of this service. A resident did the research and brought the information to us. Kathy Latal brought up that it has been tried before and failed because some residents

want the freedom to deal with their own trash company. Rich Aubuchon discussed his feelings that we should be free to select and deal with the company of our choice.

Several residents asked how other subdivisions handle their trash company. Most of the other subdivisions around here have one trash hauler for the entire subdivision. The difference is that is part of their indentures. It is not a part of ours and we would have to change the indentures, which will take a 2/3 majority vote. It was brought up that several residents have businesses and take their trash with them to work. Rich Ruggles told us that it is a county ordinance that homeowners have residential trash service.

One thing to consider when discussing the subject of one trash company for the subdivision is that the billing will be handled through City and Village, who charge a 10% fee for their service. Any change to the indentures has to be filed with the Recorder of Deeds. It is a legal document.

Other Information

There will be County Code enforcement workers coming through our subdivision sometime during the months of March through May.

There will be some new plantings and landscaping done in the Spring.

If there are dead trees in the common ground that could damage a resident's property, let the trustees know about it.

These are the minutes respectfully submitted by J.J. Hancock