

Minutes of Sherwood Lake Association
Regular Board Meeting
June 1, 2009

PRESENT ABSENT

Dan Abraham		*
Michael Cahill	*	
Jim Cazes		*
Don Frattini	*	
Leif Grotness	*	
Dick Hevey	*	
Kay Raborn	*	
Scott Shean	*	
Louise Wen	*	

Scott Shean called the meeting to order at seven o'clock p.m. at the Clubhouse.

Scott Shean commented that the recent e-mail sent to residents is still an accurate update of the construction status.

Dick Hevey complimented Nottingham's crews on their traffic patterns, observation of speed and "STOP" signs.

Don Frattini presented a proposal from a new property management firm soliciting business. Because of the unusually low cost quoted, Don will question them further.

Leif Grotness presented architectural drawings and costs for updating of the subdivision entrances and cul-de-sacs for the Board to critique. Plans will be shown to residents for information and input on Thursday, July 11th at the Clubhouse. Leif made a motion to proceed with the plans as presented; motion seconded by Dick Hevey, and approved without objection..

Included in the general discussion was the suggestion of encouraging surrounding businesses to get involved in helping spruce up the entrances.

On the subject of traffic calming, Mike Cahill reported that, despite the higher traffic numbers reported by the D.P.W. traffic study, the observations of his traffic officers indicated that cut-through traffic was significantly reduced since completion of the Coursey/Sherwood Forest intersection construction.

Mike commented further that instead of filling their quota of citations while performing extra duty patrolling in LSA, they have had to fill their quotas while patrolling in other areas. It is the opinion of the officers that the increased attention from them during peak traffic times and at specific locations in the subdivision is a better solution than installing speed humps.

Mike also noted that traffic stops were down from 87 stops in April to 54 in May. The general opinion at the meeting was that traffic was down significantly beginning in May because of school closings.

Scott commented he thought a full-time solution for a one-hour-per-day-weekdays problem was excessive, and that the speed humps and their signage would negatively impact the esthetics of the neighborhood as well as property values. He noted that D.P.W.'s recommendation for speed humps did not take this important issue into consideration.

Scott presented an e-mail proxy motion by Dan Abraham to move forward with the installation of speed humps. The motion was seconded, with an amendment, by Don Frattini; that a decision regarding speed humps be deferred until resumption of school in August, and the planned installation of the traffic signal at the Coursey/Lake Sherwood East intersection. The amended motion passed.

Mike Cahill also gave a report on real estate activity in the subdivision, noting the current square foot prices.

Because George Atherton has had previous experience with fishing tournaments, Dick Hevey offered to call him with regard to possibly having a fishing tournament in the subdivision during the summer.

Committee Reports:

Club: Don Frattini reported the pool opening party was a big success with many residents attending. Beginning June 9th, free family rated movies will be shown on Tuesday nights at the Clubhouse. Don advised that outside memberships number over thirty this year. The Club has requested their \$19,000 from the Association.

Council: Dick Hevey advised the barge in back of the Joseph's home is still sinking.

Lake: Dick Hevey reported that all the fountains have been serviced. Mr. Rabalais had phoned and said he will be dropping off the subdivision's nozzle. Louise Wen gave the water sample report showing an improvement in the water quality, which is most likely due to aeration by the foundations and a decrease in the duck population. The boom for the Lake Sherwood East inlet has been ordered, will arrive and be installed soon.

Security: Mike Cahill reported no criminal activity. He reiterated that speeding violations are down. Security is operating under budget. Mike said the subdivision still has many street lights out, asked that residents be encouraged to call Entergy regarding reporting outages near their homes.

Finance: Don explained the financial report; and advised there are only two lot owners who have not paid their dues, and legal action has been initiated.

New Business: Based upon a Lake Sherwood Garden Club discussion about the possibility of converting Lake Sherwood Acres to a gated community, Don Frattini offered to prepare an e-mail to residents about the Board's past inquiries to the City-Parish Council regarding this, and the stringent requirements for such a change.

Following motion by Scott Shean, meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Raborn, Secretary