

**The Windings of Ferson Creek – Homeowner’s Association  
approved minutes of the August 11, 2008 Board Meeting**

Members Present: Bill Miller, Butch Saffbom, Paula Jauch, Pat Greenberg, Doug Dirks, Greg Jaxon, Denise Murphy and Susan Nelson. Absent: Pat Johnson

**Homeowners Comments:** Three homeowners attended the meeting, all with tree related questions or suggestions. The first resident questioned why his trees, damaged by the Emerald Ash Borer, were not identified by the IAD during their inspection. Resident #2 presented a plan whereby the Board would negotiate with local nurseries and growers for favorable prices on trees and shrubs. Resident #3 was concerned that trees were being cut down for frivolous reasons and suggested that whenever a tree is removed it should be replaced.

- 1. Meeting called to order by President, Bill Miller, at 7:55 PM.**
- 2. Review and approval of July 14, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes.**

A motion to approve the July 14, 2008 minutes was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 8 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

**3. Treasurer’s Report.**

St. Charles Checking	\$6,468.01
St. Charles Capital/Restricted	\$26,500.00
St. Charles Money Market/Unrestricted	\$68,557.17
Total St. Charles Money Market	\$95,057.17
Total Checking/Savings	\$101,525.18

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining.

**4. Committee Reports:**

**Covenants:**

Mrs. Greenberg sent a letter to a resident regarding inoperable cars parked in the resident’s driveway. The letter was followed by a phone call which resulted in one of the cars being removed. Mrs. Greenberg found it necessary to report the parking of a pop top camper to the County since her letter to the resident went un-heeded. The County will follow up with the homeowner.

**Landscape and Maintenance:**

MC Tree Service has removed a dead branch that was overhanging a homeowner's pool. Ray Ragan has been cleaning up damaged trees and repairing damaged fencing in the neighborhood. The flag pole at the main entrance was damaged during the storm and will be repaired. Two weed eating carp will be ordered for the pond in an effort to keep weeds and algae to a minimum. There seems to be an algae problem with the pond and Mr. Safbom will call Bio Chem to have an assessment made. A resident expressed concern over trees on common ground that fall onto private property. It has been the policy that in these instances WHOA will handle the cleanup.

**Safety and Security:**

Mr. Jaxon will set up a Neighborhood Watch meeting after Labor Day.

**Pool:**

The pool has gone through a period of being green and cloudy. The pool management company has been working to treat this problem. As a result of this problem the pool was closed to swimmers for a couple of days. August 20<sup>th</sup> will mark the beginning of abbreviated hours during the weekdays. The pool will close for the season on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**Clubhouse:**

The un-planted area in front of the clubhouse has been sprayed with weed killer.

**Social:**

Music Under the Stars will feature a new band, "Majors Junction", this year. The clubhouse area will be mosquito sprayed in advance of the event. Tom Stiberth and Tim Sherman will coordinate the Men's Golf Outing this year. The date of the outing this year is September 6<sup>th</sup>. Huff 'N Puff is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>. Denise Murphy is the coordinator.

**Architectural:**

Mr. Johnson reported via e-mail that there were no new requests for additions or re-models. Mr. Johnson did respond to a few calls regarding trees damaged during the storm.

**Publicity:**

Mr. Jaxon has scheduled a telecom meeting with the Contractor Web mistress.

**Environmental:**

An inspection of trees along Arboretum revealed damage to the trunks of some of the newer trees due to the use of a trimmer. A mulching circle will be cut around these trees to eliminate the need to trim grass close to the trunk. Mr. Dirks met with a representative of the Kane-Du Page SWCD regarding the SSPR award. The award monies are still available, however, our contribution would have to increase from the original \$5,000.00 to close to \$15,000.00. Mr. Dirks will continue to work on this and possibly find private sources that will perform the work for less money.

**5. Other Business:**

**a. 2008 Goals:**

Mr. Miller e-mailed each Board Member a revised status report that shows some progress in almost all categories.

**b. Nearby Property Development:**

Nothing new to report.

**c. Infrastructure:**

Mrs. Greenberg obtained four estimates for the first of a two step softscape planting program for the front of the clubhouse. The total cost of this project will be \$9,000.00 to \$9,800.00 for bushes, trees and perennials. A motion was made to go ahead with the first half of the project this fall for \$4,500.00. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of 8 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining. The funding for this project was made possible by the delay of the Ferson Creek SSPR project. Planting will be delayed until it is certain that the applied weed killer has dissipated.

**6. Newsletter Items:**

There will be no Newsletter in September. The next issue is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 8 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining. Adjournment was at 9:15 PM.

