

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

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

**Homeowner’s Comments:** There were no homeowners in attendance. Mr. Miller used this to discuss the status of the 2008 goals set for the Board. There are four or five goals (Neighborhood Watch Program, web site enhancements, marking the walking trails, and cleaning up the cul de sacs) that the committee chairmen need to resolve before the end of the year.

Board elections will take place in December. Ballots will be mailed sometime in November. Four Board positions will be open.

**1. Meeting called to order by President, Bill Miller, at 7:45 PM.**

**2. Review and approval of August 11, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes:**

A motion to approve the August 11, 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	\$429.19
St. Charles Capital/Restricted	\$26,500.00
St. Charles Money Market/Unrestricted	\$54,769.82
Total St. Charles Money Market	\$81,629.82
Total Checking/Savings	\$81,699.01

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

In her e-mailed report Mrs. Jauch voiced some concern about the high bills being received for the phone in the clubhouse lobby, and whether this might be an expense we could eliminate. (Subsequent to the meeting Mr. Jaxon determined that a phone is required by Illinois Code Section 820.310).

**4. Committee Reports:**

**Covenants:**

The Covenant Committee met and finalized the resident survey on Winding’s Covenants Potential Improvements. This survey and an accompanying article will be included in the October Newsletter. A motion to approve the final survey and article was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 9 in favor, 0 against and 0 abstaining. Mrs. Greenberg voted Mrs. Jauch’s proxy. Other covenant related issues involving vehicles was resolved with the removal of the vehicles.

**Landscape and Maintenance:**

MC Tree Service removed several storm damaged trees that were growing on common ground but fell on private property. Trees damaged on private property will be the responsibility of the homeowner. A Board member cleaned up the trail passage that runs behind the Villas and Campton Township has fixed the drainage problem at Empire and Arboretum. It appears that three irrigation sprinkler heads along Arboretum were run over and damaged. They have been repaired. Five weed eating carp will be introduced into the pond on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Safety and Security:**

On August 16-17 an out of control car ran off Empire Road, grazed a tree and knocked down several sections of split rail fence. A report was filed with the Campton Hills police.

**Pool:**

Mrs. Murphy will meet with the pool management company about the poor quality of the pool water during the August algae bloom period.

**Clubhouse:**

The clubhouse was rented four times in August and may be rented six times in September. New locks for the pool area will be purchased along with plastic window well covers.

**Social:**

Music under the Stars drew about 200 people this year. Ten foursomes competed in the Men's Golf Outing and once again the McCurdy foursome won the event. A garage sale with about ten families participating took place on September 19-20. The Huff 'N Puff will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Architectural:**

Mr. Johnson had no report.

**Publicity:**

Greg Jaxon has been in touch with our Web-mistress and has been studying the underlying web site data base (Joomla) and dynamic links. Mr. Jaxon's goal is to clean up the web site and activate the resident contact features.

**Environmental:**

Mr. Dirks attended a meeting of interested sub-divisions and experts concerning Ferson Creek issues. It was a good opportunity to discuss common problems such as erosion and also to join forces with other communities when seeking funding for creek related projects. Mr. Dirks also had good news concerning the Kane-DuPage SWDC plan to stabilize the creek bank in an area near the pond. A reduced area (about 110 feet) will be the focus of this project with the cost being shared by the Illinois Department of Agriculture and WHOA. Our share was

previously approved by the Board. Mr. Dirks also had the opportunity to visit a couple of nurseries to follow up on a homeowner's proposal that the Windings help residents get better prices to replace storm and ash borer destroyed trees. Mr. Dirks will have an article in the October Newsletter advising homeowners of the deals available in the spring when tree stocks are more plentiful.

**5. Other Business:**

**A. 2008 Goals**

See homeowner's comments.

**B. Nearby Property Development**

Nothing new to report.

**C. Infrastructure**

Mrs. Greenberg met with Valley Maintenance (our chosen landscaper) and they have proposed planting all the trees and bushes that are best suited to fall planting. At our last meeting the Board approved half the total cost and this plan would be a bit more than half. Valley Maintenance has agreed to go ahead with the proposed planting and accept the originally approved amount now with the additional being deferred until March of 2009. A motion to accept this plan was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 8 in favor 1 against and 0 abstaining. Mrs. Greenberg voted Mrs. Jauch's proxy. The remaining soft scape will be completed in spring of 2009.

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and carried by a vote of 8 for, 0 against and 0 abstaining. Adjournment was at 9:45 PM.

Susan Nelson, Board Secretary