

Steeple Run Homeowner's Association Minutes of June 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Graff at 7:35 p.m. June 4, 2009

The meeting was held at the home of Therese Graff

Attendance: President – Therese Graff
Vice President – Resigned (Vacant)
Secretary – Herb LeBlanc, Karen Malcolm
Treasurer – Joe O'Malley, Karen Malcolm

Also present were: Jill Peterson, Jill Kadish, Steve Kadish, Dave Malcolm and Linda LeBlanc

Absent were: David Natrass and Mike Littrell

Architectural Report by Dave Malcolm

Documents for Kempa's pool were submitted and have met all criteria for setbacks and fencing as they apply to the covenants and bylaws and were approved by the Architectural Committee as such.

The Kondrats have adjusted their dog run and is now in compliance per the Architectural Committee.

Yard light will be installed at the Schwartz's home which has been sold which will bring into compliance the property by June 11, 2009.

James DeMarco from DeMarco Mosquito made his presentation. The final numbers will be sent to Herb LeBlanc. Mr. DeMarco offered for the 2009 season a twice a week fogging of which the final numbers will be adjusted with an adjustment of mileage covered and adjustment of lesser weeks than 15. The original presentation covered 2 times per week (Wed and Friday) treatment for 15 weeks. An alternative plan would be a fogging on Wednesday with an ATV (golf cart which goes in between the homes for more complete coverage) on Fridays. DeMarco Mosquito offers 2 different pesticide options – 1) a Synthetic Pyrethroid plan and 2) an Eco Fog plan using essential oils (Wintergreen, Peppermint and Rosemary Oils), with a recommended 2-3 Pyrethroid sprayings to prevent tolerance buildup. A discussion followed with several questions from board members and Mr. Kadish, which were answered satisfactorily. Mr. DeMarco was asked to supply safety information as well as insurance information and, in particular, insurance documentation that would state that any board members would not be held liable nor the SRHA for any causes coming out of the use of spraying of any of these materials. The benefits outweigh any risks as West Nile Virus is becoming more and more widespread. Spraying would commence at 9:00 P.M. and go no later than 1:00 A.M. We were told these sprayings are safe for pets and wildlife including fish at the levels sprayed and there are check balance in place to make sure the amounts sprays are under the strictest qualify control. A 12 week plan and a 10 week plan are available and that information will be forward to the SRHA secretary. The treatment leaves no residual pesticide and no side effects when used as directed. It was pointed out that during spraying times you should close windows and go inside with pets. Further investigation is necessary.

A discussion followed regarding DeMarco's presentation and comparison with Clarke, a competitor, who also offered a botanical pesticide made from natural chrysanthemum. Clarke has a contract with the Algonquin Township and is already treating defined retention areas for larval mosquitoes. It was pointed out that the board may need to further investigate into the rights of a homeowner to refuse to have his property fogged or sprayed

The decision for a neighborhood program in 2009 is unlikely given the timing for the season and the need to obtain approvals from the homeowners for a special assessment to cover the costs of the spraying. Therefore, for the 2009 season, information as to individual homes fogging or spraying information will be forthcoming in a Preferred Contractor Program currently scheduled for late June. Information for 2010 will be collected in the fall and will be included in a referendum presented at the annual meeting in January.

Secretary Report was approved from the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report by Joe O'Malley Joe presented his report with a indicating a balance of \$8850.39. Notices for the annual dues assessment were mailed to all homeowners.

Communications report by Jill Peterson and Karen Malcolm

Jill indicated the Newsletter went out and hopes the next one will be late June which will include the individual Mosquito Abatement information. Jill indicated the web site was up-to-date. Jill indicated the executor of the Grasser estate has communicated that mailing of forwarding info will be stopped as the option to forward can only last for one year. A complete address has been obtained and the dues notice due this June has been forward to that executor as will any special assessments should we have one for anything, i.e. mass mosquito abatement. Karen Malcolm suggested that a contact name be listed in the next newsletter for any lost/missing animals or found animals. It should be pointed out that before calling outside the subdivision to report lost or missing animals, most animals lost or found live within the subdivision. Huge monetary charges may be avoided in getting a lost animal back safely home and possibly sooner. Everyone should be reminded to collar your animals with a name tag as well as a phone number to call should the dog inadvertently get loose. Micro chipping is also a good idea.

Preferred Contractor Program by Herb LeBlanc – No updates. Herb will work on the mosquito abatement individual program to submit for the late June newsletter which would encompass an individual spray comparison.

Social Committee – by Karen Malcolm and Linda LeBlanc

Karen Malcolm indicated there were a lot more families and garages this year with 13 families and 11 garages participating. Business was down however and not as many shoppers were out. It was pointed out that several garage sale signs disappeared during the event and it was hard to keep putting out new signs.

Block Party – The block party has been postponed until the fall as difficulty in coordination of events did not fall into place. An exact date has not been chosen at this time but the committee is looking for possibly September 12th or the 19th. Joe O'Malley offered to be a grill man along with Bill Harfst who previously offered and they will be contacted as the date become nearer. It was pointed out by Karen Malcolm that cooking of "Corn" could return if held in September. The dog parade has also been postponed to be held after the block party and a sign up/registration for the dog parade would be held at the block party with TBA date and rain date with details.

Landscaping Committee – by Joe O'Malley and Herb LeBlanc. Ron Rowe e-mailed president Graff that he has extra flood lights for the main entrance. Joe O'Malley indicated the mowing is going along good. Herb LeBlanc will be checking on mulch of 12 yards from Algonquin Township and delivery. Linda LeBlanc offered to cut back Autumn Joy at Sands Road as new growth was already taking place and check on nuisance weedy ivy. The Sands Rd monument has a rotted post which need to be replaced. Herb is checking on a tool to help lift the sign so it can be repaired.

New Business - Acceptance of Ron Rowe's resignation

Next Meeting - Thursday, August 27, 2009 at Therese Graff at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Joe O'Malley

Motion seconded by Herb LeBlanc

Meeting Adjourned at 9:27 P.M. June 4, 2009

Backup minutes by Linda LeBlanc