



**STEEPLE RUN HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION
Crystal Lake, Illinois
MEETING MINUTES
October 2nd, 2008**

The SRHA Meeting was called to order @ 7:36pm on October 2, 2008, by Herb LeBlanc.

Attendees: Herb LeBlanc, Joe O'Malley, Tom Rice, Tammy Rice, Jill Peterson, Karen Malcolm, and Ron Rowe

Herb motioned to accept the minutes from the last meeting. Motioned seconded by Tom Rice. Minutes accepted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the last meeting were presented by Tom Rice and accepted without changes. Nothing new to report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Joe O'Malley. Copies of the report were distributed to everyone. Noted that all homeowners have paid their dues!

Only expenses expected for the remainder of the year will be landscaping and utilities. Utility bills spiked a little this past month; Ron Rowe fixed the lights, which would explain this change.

Landscaping bills are being received promptly. They are almost the same as last year.

We will be close to breaking even at the end of the fiscal year - Joe projects.

Herb asked if we should still maintain the PO Box; it was agreed by all it should be kept because it is a common address for the Homeowners Association and it is our legal address.

LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Sign Update - Herb LeBlanc

We spent considerable time as a group to improve the signage and the landscaping around the entrances. Herb has two cedar logs in his garage to be used for repairing the signs that were previously purchased by SRHA. He needs to locate additional volunteers to help repair the signs. Jill will put something in the next newsletter to solicit volunteers.

The 3 estimates received for painting the signs were between \$250 and \$1,500. We need to get someone in to do it now that we have a range.

ACTION: We need to repair the signs first so let's plan on scheduling that, and we will not plan to paint them until next spring.

Ron expressed that the Home Depot landscape lighting fixtures are causing the bulbs to burn out so often. We should put a 50amp metal halite in instead of the 150amp but he's been holding out because of the cost and his schedules been extraordinarily busy.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Jill Peterson provided the Communications Committee update. She's not really working on the newsletter yet but the first quarter report has been received.

Herb mentioned that the newsletter has helped heighten awareness of the changes in the burning laws.

Jill said she has also made a new page on the website called Violations. She just needs a list of the violators so she can get it populated.

PREFERRED CONTRACTOR PROGRAMS

Update on Radon Mitigation

Three homes got involved in the Radon Detection program and decided to take advantage of it. Herb said the radon equipment has taken all of the humidity out of his basement - which is great and he's very pleased with the program. FYI, the guy will still honor the deal if anyone is still interested.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Karen Malcolm gave an update on the Social Committee activities.

Karen Malcolm explained the mechanics of the neighborhood garage sale. There was one held last weekend and the second will be this weekend.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

David & Kristie Natrass' Home Architectural Plan

They want to put an addition on the back of their home and put a storage area underneath it. The drawings were submitted and are fine, according to Herb, so work will continue as planned.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Jill Peterson mentioned that the sign at the entrance to our subdivision on Sands Road was vandalized, and Tammy Rice mentioned that the lines painted on the road were incorrect. Herb will ask the township to fix this situation, as it's confusing to drivers as to whether or not there is truly a turn lane.
- ◆ Herb has called Commonwealth Edison at least twice about the trees growing around the signs on Sands Road and no action has been taken. He will ask the township for assistance with this as well.
- ◆ Someone broke into the cars at one of the neighborhood homes in the evening, however, the homeowners came home while the break-in was in progress and scared the would-be crooks away. Another reason why it pays to have lights on around your home!

- ◆ It was agreed that Jill Peterson will send out an e-mail to the homeowners reminding them to keep lights on at night to reduce vandalism, etc.
- ◆ The board decided the Annual Homeowner's Meeting will be held on a Saturday rather than in the evening in the hopes of better attendance. The tentative date is Saturday, January 24, 2009 at 10am. Coffee and donuts will be served.
- ◆ It was agreed that the next meeting will be December 4, 2008.

Herb motioned to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Joe O'Malley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25m.