

## **Lincolnshire Fields Homeowner's Association**

### **Minutes of Board Meeting November 20, 2013**

Board President, John Ison called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on November 20, 2013. Present were Lisa Romero, Scott Anderson, Jeff Hays and John Ison.

The Minutes of the August 19, 2013 Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted.

President John Ison reported on a number of ongoing issues:

1. The Board had previously sent a letter to the residents on Cobblefield Court and Byrnebruk with respect to a drainage problem and apparently some of the neighbors have worked together to resolve the situation while other neighbors have declined to participate.
2. We had previously agreed to provide up to \$250 for landscaping in the island at the end of Cobblefield Court and the homeowner has indicated that will be accomplished in the spring of 2014.
3. The Tree Planting Program was reviewed and Lisa Romero reported we have reimbursed 5 homeowners for trees under that Program. The Board agreed to continue the program.
4. We had previously discussed replacing up to 3 trees that were dying on Eagle Ridge Road and the residents have requested 8 to 10 trees be replaced. There was a Motion to increase our previously agreed upon 3 tree limit to a total of 6 trees and that Motion passed.
5. Keith Padgett reported that the fall leaf pickup had 129 homes participating in the first weekend and 152 participating in the second weekend which included some multiple pickups in the second weekend due to the inclement weather. Keith only charged us per household despite multiple trips.
6. John has received various concerns and complaints with respect to traffic on Meadowbrook Court which was a result of the bridge construction which seems to have resolved itself with opening of the bridge; that there is an inquiry with respect to a dead tree from a homeowner on Byrnebruk but it was in their back yard which is not the Homeowner's Association responsibility; one member complained that the garage sale is not a good use of Homeowner Association money because it did not benefit everyone; question was asked about whether leaf burning could be discouraged or prohibited, the Board believes that to respect people with respiratory problems and also with respect to safety issues, that it should not be done or encouraged. We also discussed that the Illinois Power street light at Staley and Clubhouse is burned out and John will contact them to have that replaced.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

We discussed the use of Constant Contact to email all Homeowners and John had done this on a trial basis with a response of approximately 70%. Motion was made that we subscribe for \$14.00 to \$20.00 per month for a Constant Contact contract which would give us unlimited email and attachments for up to 500 email addresses. The Motion passed to pay for a license with Constant Contact with the applicable rate for a non-profit organization. Entrance signs are continuing to be a topic and we will try to get more bids from contractors or the homeowner Wes Seitz as he has offered a portion of his lot for one of the signs. John had contacted Lincolnshire Fields Countryclub about the sidewalk around the curve on Clubhouse and the Club has maintained that they are not interested in allowing that to go forward. Suggestion is that Scott and Jeff will review the Plat of the Subdivision to see if there is any legal basis to put a sidewalk in that area. Emerald Ash Borer Disease continues to be a topic and we are hopeful at the May Annual Meeting we can give either a recommendation or information to the residents so that we can decide what action, if any, to take with respect to this problem. Joe Hallbeck complained to John Ison that the Jack Hayes is violating the Covenants by not parking his vehicles in his garage as he has converted that to living space. Scott and John will send a letter to him to seek his cooperation in rectifying this situation.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa provided a list of those individuals that are new to our community and John will undertake the task of sending them a welcome letter. Lisa stated that there are 101 unpaid 2014 dues and she will send a second letter which the Board approved. Lisa provided an up-to-date profit and loss statement through October 31, 2013 and the board will use that information to propose a 2014 budget. At the next annual meeting the terms of Max Mitchell and Paul Kane will expire and John will contact them to see if they are interested in continuing. If not, we will undertake to find 2 new members willing to serve and specifically would like one board member to represent the neighborhood East of I-57.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. and the Annual Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 6, 2014. It was agreed that the Spring Newsletter should be mailed the first week of April with the appropriate notices and information as we have done in the past. We discussed the ongoing situation with respect to getting electricity to our sign at the corner of Cobblefield and Kirby and Scott will contact Gary Buller about access to his yard for a separate electric line since he has now been reluctant to provide access to his own electricity. Jeff will contact Upclose Printing to find out the cost of sending a postcard out to encourage the members to increase their access by email so that our Constant Contact program can be expanded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hays