

Huntington Hills Neighborhood Association

2011 Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2012

Irondequoit Town Hall

22 Families represented

**Call to order:**

President Dick Sehlin called the meeting to order at 6:37p. He announced that Christine Norris would be filling the position of secretary for this term in place of Jen Daley. He welcomed everyone and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and street.

**Approval of the 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes:**

Steve Wilde made a motion to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes as written. Don Becker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report (David Eckert):**

- David Eckert presented the statement of financial activity for 2011 and the proposed budget for 2012.
- The association's current bank balance is \$4,444.19. This includes \$900 balance built up for trees on the commons and a balance of a year's assessments to assure payments will be made if assessments don't get paid.
- 4 memberships are unpaid. One is a member that has filed for bankruptcy and the expense has been discharged. One is an empty house and one we expect to collect on.
- As a corporation, we did not owe any income tax for 2010. Our only expense was the tax preparation fee. Real estate taxes and liability and director's insurance are our major expenses. Unbudgeted expense for 2011 is the \$50 fee for the use of the room for the meeting.
- 2012 budget includes minor increases in real estate taxes and insurances.
- To meet the budget, **the assessment this year is \$55.**
- There was discussion about the meeting date. Bylaws state November but it has worked out to be January. We may need to discuss changing the by-laws. It is easier in January for the budget and the attendance of the town supervisor. We will need to poll membership and have further discussion.

**Review of Association Policy Items (Dick Sehlin):**

- Board approval is needed for private use of the commons. Ex. Putting a hut or stand on commons.

- Hazardous tree removal – On the commons it is a liability issue for the association. We have addressed this with the tree fund. General tree removal – larger than 6" (4" on a slope) requires town approval for removal. RG&E will take care of tree limbs threatening a power line if you call them.
- Pools need to be placed in the back of your property – board approval, as well as town approval for exceptions.
- Boats need to be stored in the back of your property or garage.
- No ATV or snowmobile use in Huntington Hills.
- Use of commons area for leaf disposal –please do not dispose of them on trails.
- Trash on the roadways – please clean it up if you see it. Beer cans being left have been a problem in Hoffman Rd area. General garbage being left on the corner of Wisner and Center Entrance has also been a complaint.
- Sue Rodgers recommends rereading your HH pamphlet in case something comes up that needs clarification.
- It was brought up that there was a recent issue of gunshots/fireworks in the middle of the night. Fireworks would be a fire hazard. Gun fire is a safety issue. Both are illegal. There was some report of teenagers hanging around in the area and mailbox damage/mail being stolen. It was recommended that if you see anything suspicious that you should call the police. Let your neighbors know if there is an issue in your area that may effect them.

**Website information (Adam Stein):**

- People have been accessing website (<http://www.huntingtonhillsinc.org/>). To access the areas "For Huntington Hills residents ONLY" the user name is: **forest** /password: **seeTheTrees**
- If you get us your e-mail address we will add you to the resident's list. This list is useful for general communication among members. The address is [residents@huntingtonhillsinc.org](mailto:residents@huntingtonhillsinc.org) and can be accessed using your regular e-mail account. This could be used to inform your neighbors of issues in the area or to get answers to question like, "What plants don't the deer eat?"
- Another list is one which Adam uses to send out information about updates to the website. For example: There are some new historic photos added to the site.
- Previously there was talk of a wiki site. Sue Rodgers says that we are waiting for a copy of report from a group that worked in Durand Eastman Park this summer to start a Flora & Fauna identification wiki site.
- Adam reports that there is the possibility with some calendar programs to enter items in your calendar with just a click.

**Wisner Road Maintenance Report (Pat Meredith):**

- Over time has a better sense of what is required for the maintenance of Wisner Road. Plans on trying a new type of patchwork that has been tried on other roads in town. Address the areas

that collect water. Storm sewers were checked and are in good condition. Will probably chip seal in 2013.

**Town Supervisor Report (Mary Joyce D'Aurizio):**

- **Wisner Road Ownership/repair responsibility**
  - Probably needs to go through Albany to change the ownership status.
  - Jean Colombo - The first petition was made May 22, 1998. She read from the agreement (made between city and town on 5/4/93) which states the town is responsible for criminal/traffic matters and maintenance and repair of Wisner Rd and Hoffman Rd. We want the road to be added to the capitol improvement list.
  - There was lengthy discussion about who is truly responsible. We could not come to a consensus. There is a question of interpretation of the May 4, 1993 agreement. Mrs. D'Aurizio has asked Mr. Meredith to contact his counterpart in the city to clarify.
  - Does the Huntington Hills Association have to file the article 78 and start a lawsuit to get this moving? Or can the town bring it on behalf of Irondequoit?
  - There is still a cone at a Seabreeze Water repair at 475 Hoffman Rd. There is a stump under it.
  - A streetlight was installed at the end of Hoffman Rd to try to stop people hanging out.
- **Status of "Legacy" development project**
  - Last PB meeting the board requested the staff to obtain a planning consultant and an independent engineering consultant to analyze traffic study.
  - There are stricter regulations for this facility vs. 10 single family homes. There is concern over code enforcement for single family homes with seniors. Vacant homes when seniors die and leave the home empty for a length of time are also a problem.
  - We are going to be in court no matter what the decision. Having no R7 zoning is going to be a problem.
  - There is concern about a phragmites invasion which may threaten the wetlands. There is also silt build up.
  - Laura Morrissey presented photographs of the wetlands area before and since the remediation work was done. It is working but with added drainage from the "Legacy" will it continue to work. Sue Rodgers added that there has been a loss of 8 acres of commons lands from the wetlands. In addition what will be the effect on Durand Eastman Park if there is added drainage from this project?
  - There is a tree down that has lifted some of the rocks. It should be checked to make sure it is not affecting drainage.

**ACTION ITEM:** We will draft a [document](#) to present our concerns and state that we will hold the contractor liable if there is any change to the present runoff situation. We will request a full environmental impact study.

- Current membership list – awaiting an updated list of members. It will be included on the website. This will be done within a “reasonable” time frame.
- Ridge Road reconstruction will begin in the spring of 2012. It will be done in 4 sections starting on the west side of town.
- Will the 2009 Master Plan be implemented? It is not finished but there is no money to implement it. It is still be tweaked.

**The assessment this year is \$55.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:32p

Respectfully submitted,

Christine D Norris

Huntington Hills Association Recording Sec'y