

Flanders Association Annual Meeting--- March 2011

Eldersburg Library March 22, 7:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Larry Ruby and Bob Blackford. Bob Law was home sick.

No minutes from the previous meeting were read, because the previous meeting was not an official meeting.

Nominations from the floor were taken for all positions.

President- Vice President- Treasurer- none mentioned

Secretary- Sandy McGregor decided not to run again. Anne Marie Law was nominated.

Architect Control- Cheryl decided not to run again. Bob Finks & Stan Bailey as a team were nominated

All accepted the positions

Treasurer report: Larry shared the report for those who wanted it. Said expected to raise about \$11,000 this year, lawn mowing uses at least \$7,000. Other items on the report include insurance, (which will probably go up), the P.O. box rental, stamps, etc.

Topics discussed:

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

ASSOCIATION WORK PARTY: April 30

ASSOCIATION DUMPSTER RENTAL: May 14

ASSOCIATION BLOCK PARTY: April or June undecided

Lawn mowing: the current provider has been doing the lawns since 1999 and has not raised the prices since. Contract is a verbal handshake. Homeowners wanted to do some comparison shopping. Joel Perry will contact someone. Needs bids soon! There is no written description of what needs to be done; Larry will walk people around if necessary.

Common ground: Bev Cochran asked for help with the trees behind her house that are on common ground. She states they block all sunlight. She herself is disabled and wants to know if she can get help removing some of the trees. . Bev will contact her neighbors to make sure they are all in agreement with removing some of the trees (this hopefully will be worked on at the next work party.)

Work party and problem areas in the association: Path need to be sealed. Round up was used last year to try and stop some of the weeds, but it is necessary to seal the paths.

Major Work to the Association Common Grounds:

- Stairs next to McGregor's very dangerous. Landscaping ties and blacktop need replacing. A great deal of the path needs to be replaced. Do we need handrails?
- Drainage problem behind folks at end of Armistice, to include a drainage pipe and fixing the path area too
- Drainage behind the opposite end of the lower path. Luckily this drainage was built better and doesn't need as much work.

Bids to this date have been asked from Dick's Landscaping. Other homeowners mentioned other people to contact. They have been requested to send info to Larry or bob so all can be examined.

Bev Cochran will contact Travis S to see if he wants to bid

Money in the treasury: a statement, we really have no money in the bank for emergencies

Sidewalk issue (corner of Pershing Place & Armistice) currently wrapped in orange construction fence): In short, the association asked the homeowner to fix the sidewalk and remove the trees. (The trees are destroying the sidewalk) the association got no response from the homeowner; they tried face to face and registered letters. The county was asked to help out with the legalities of the issue. Comcast has been there to make sure their cables are in the right place and even moved some. The county responded with closing the sidewalk so no one would get hurt. The county told the homeowners they would fix the side walk and remove the trees for them and the cost would be passed back to them. At this point, the homeowners are getting quotes to fix the problem and they will keep the county involved. Most at the meeting asked "how long this will take?" The board did not have an answer. Pat Haseni said she would call Doug Howard our new commissioner to get involved. If homeowners want to complain, they can contact the "dept. of roads"

Gun Shots in the development day after Halloween: Mark McGregor stated that shots came from the lower woods that day. He felt the effects of the shot. A deer died on our path behind our houses. The state police and sheriff were called and came. We should have called DNR. It is not allowed to hunt behind our houses. If anyone sees anyone behind the houses hunting, call DNR that is the best thing. And be careful.

Work Party, Dumpster:

Work party April 30 seal path, take down trees, and clean up all the fallen branches so the lawn guys can mow correctly. Larry has a longer list, not mentioned at the meeting. We had fun last year, so come join us. Plant some trees along the upper path, many have died.

Dumpster—May 14—this will be for general house clean up, no tires, chemicals. We will rent for 1 week end. Send Bob or Larry an email to say if you will use it or not, hate to waste Assoc. funds if we really won't fill it.

Preakness Celebration: for those of you who do not know "Rick Lippert" the famous Preakness Party live band person, passed this past November from pancreatic cancer. May he rest in peace, we will miss you.

Animals: only 2 animals per house are allowed per our Association rules, unfortunately many families do not follow these rules. Please remember the leash law and curb your dog. (When you curb your dog, take the bags home. Our fellow homeowners are the ones emptying the garbage cans on our common property.)

New Houses: the new houses scheduled to start at the top of Argonne are at a total stand still. No one had any other information.

Speeders: yes we have a lot of them... please talk to your family and friends; we worry about our children and pets. Take down license numbers and call. Thank you... We believe most violators are from the sub division above us.

Speed bumps: they have been looked into in the past, but maybe someone can have success this time around

Block party: many years ago, we had block parties, the families, children all had a great time. Maybe grill or pot luck after the work party or a warmer day in June, more info to follow.

Web site: a big thanks to Steve Myers who puts it together. Please visit it. Does anyone want to start a face book page?

List of Addresses, telephone numbers, family stuff: Anne Marie Law and Bev Cochran will try this again this year. It really is helpful to have info on your close neighbors in case of emergency or just to have.

Eagle project: Unfortunately the project that Andrew McGregor wanted to do for his eagle award was too costly and not within the time constraints he had. He is sorry to the association, but Mark, his dad, says there is one more son that maybe can do something in the following years. Concrete for a basketball court just couldn't happen.

Aluminum Cans: Bev Cochran's dad collects aluminum cans for Ronald McDonald's house. You may bring your clean cans to Bev's house. Her dad will pick them up weekly. Help if you can. Bev's house is 1690 Armistice.

The house on the corner of Armistice and Argonne: it has been requested that if you see or hear anything that is wrong, call the appropriate authorities. Many things have been reported, but we need to keep the authorities involved in this situation.

Recap:

Estimates on path/stairs/mowing are due by April 15

Thank you!