

Oakleigh Forest Civic Association, Inc.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, March 21, 2005

at the Folger McKinsey School

from 7:03 to 8:30 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Dave Collier: Minutes of the Fall 2004 meeting, prepared by former secretary Steve Pallett, were distributed **and approved by voice vote** with the following corrections:

- the Meeting was held on **October 25**;
- the list of those present was incomplete, and the words "and others" were added; and
- the list of Officers, Directors, and Pool Committee members elected should read:
 - President: Edgar Schick
 - Vice President: Chuck Trenkle
 - Secretary: Dave Collier
 - Directors: Jay DeFrancesco, Chris Trizna, and Linda Cronin
 - Pool Committee members: John Theune and Brenda DeWind.

Treasurer's Report: Zandra Reynolds: The treasurer's report was distributed **and approved by voice vote**.

- At present there are 74 OFCA memberships.
- The Garden Club has collected approx. \$900.00 in dues

Relations with Robinson Landing Ridge (RLR) and access to boat launch and slips:

Edgar Schick and Chuck Trenkle reported on their meeting with Randy Goff, Esq., regarding OFCA's guaranteed rights to access and advantages to approaching Robinson Landing Ridge to investigate their interest in joining the OFCA.

- There seems to be no "downside" to investigating the matter and to approaching RLR.
- RLR residents are already paying \$100./year for waterfront access with no other privileges. (One resident is about four years in arrears.) None are currently pool members.
- OFCA would gain increased land at the waterfront area and additional members.
- Dick Blomquist had expressed a willingness to investigate the matter and to contact RLR owners.
- Randy Goff had informed Edgar and Chuck that total legal costs for such a merger would not exceed \$1000.

After discussion **on the recommendation of the Board of Directors the community voted by a majority with a voice vote to authorize an exploration with RLR owners for the possibility of their becoming part of the OFCA, with a report and possible recommendations at the October 2005 meeting of the OFCA.**

"Traffic calming" speed "humps" on McKinsey Road:

Edgar Schick, Chuck Trenkle, and Bruce Karner reported on discussions with County traffic authorities and the need to reduce speeding on McKinsey Road.

- The County requires results of studies to demonstrate traffic volume and speed that are high enough to justify the investment and installation. McKinsey Road along the edges of Oakleigh Forest qualifies on both counts. (Whittier Parkway, it was reported, does not.)
- The County would pay 1/2 the cost of three speed "humps" and would maintain them.
- Chuck Trenkle indicated that he would contact the McKinsey Woods community to enlist their financial support, as well.

- Chuck agreed to work with the County to complete the project, if approved by the community.
- Action should be taken now when the weather will permit this work.

After discussion **the community voted by a majority with a voice vote to authorize up to \$3600 to pay a portion of the costs of three “humps.”** (The actual cost may be between \$2000 and \$2800.)

Waterfront: Bob Jelen:

- Although (due to vandalism and theft) the community only had one “ice eater”, it has made it through the winter. The other will be replaced for the next winter season.
- The storm drain “runoff” is damaging the boat ramp. This will need repair and he will research options.
- Work parties will be announced soon for the spring clean up.

Streets and Lights: Chris Trizna: no report. Absent.

- OFCA members suggested a reminder it the *Oakleaf* on dumpster dates, now scheduled for November 19-21.

Safety and Police: Jay DeFrancesco:

- There has been ongoing police surveillance in our neighborhood that has resulted in the capture of drug paraphernalia, and warrants have been issued for arrests, which have been carried out.
- He has been working with the county police to provide continued surveillance.
- We must also be diligent and collect critical info on suspicious activity i.e.: license plate numbers and vehicle descriptions.
- Any suspicious activity can be reported to 1-800-222-8160 or to Jay.

Social: Linda Cronin: Absent. Excused. (Maria Bernard reported for Linda.)

- The community is still in need of hosts for the Pig Roast and summer adult (crab?) party.

Community Services: Jen Mills:

- Minimal mulching will need to be done this year at the playground.
- Gratitude expressed to Kate Whitman for the new community directory.
- The deadline for items to be included in the *Oakleaf* is now the 15th of the month, and it is scheduled for distribution by the 20th of the month as convenient for distributor.

Grounds: Liz Cingel:

- Stewart Lawn Service will continue to service Oakleigh Forest’s public grounds.
- The sprinkler at the park area near the pool is paid for in full.
- Help is needed for spring flowerbeds. Contact Liz if interested.

Pool: Maria Bernard:

- Pool Packets will be distributed by April 1. There will be no fee increase.
- Non-resident pool members from 2004 are being contacted to ascertain their plans for 2005.
- Pool pass tickets will increase from \$60. to \$100. for a pack of ten with \$40. being used for the pool’s capital reserve fund.
- The light at the rear of the pavilion, damaged by vandals, has been repaired and will have a protective shield installed.
- The baby pool pump and other miscellaneous repairs have been completed.
- At some point the concrete deck around the pool will have to be replaced. This could cost \$60,000. The pool has a reserve fund just under \$20,000.

Greater Severna Park Council: Bruce Karner:

- Bruce distributed an overview of GSPC.
- He also stated that the *Severna Park Voice* offers accurate and updated information on GSPC.
- The GSPC meetings are held at the Severna Park Library on the second Tuesday of the month, which are open to the public (and the speakers are very good).
- Contact Bruce with any questions you may have.

Swim Team: Carol Bielski: Absent. Maria Bernard reported for Carol.

- Coach Sarah will not be returning this year.
- Coach Cindy will be returning to coach this year.
- The pool packets will include projected pool closings due to swim team events.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Basketball hoops at the pool need to be replaced. After discussion **the community approved up to \$1000. toward replacements.**
- Distribution of the *Oakleaf* was discussed. Edgar agreed to ask Joan Berning, Editor, if she would agree to distribution of the *Oakleaf* by e-mail as well as with a paper copy. This would not decrease paper distribution but could accelerate delivery to those who choose to receive it via the internet.
- Edgar noted that periodically the “covenants” (*Restrictions to the Deed*) should be reviewed to be sure that they are “current” and serving the needs of the community. Bruce Karner will chair an *ad hoc* committee to review the documents and to make recommendations for changes, if any, through the Board to the community, at large. Volunteers to join Bruce on the committee are welcome, as are suggestions for possible modifications. Suggested changes will be reported in advance of any meeting at which they are to be offered for a vote.

Unless an emergency meeting must be called, the next general meeting will be in October on a date to be announced.

The meeting was adjourned by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Collier, Secretary