

THE OAKLEIGH FOREST CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Minutes of the General Fall Meeting, October 26, 2005
at the
Folger McKinsey School, from 7 pm –9 pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dave Collier: The minutes of the O.F.C.A. March 21, 2005, Annual Meeting, that were distributed in the April and October *Oakleaf*, were approved by voice vote as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Zandra Reynolds:

- 1) The status report of the 2005 operating budget through September was approved by voice vote.
- 2) The 2006 operating budget for the entire O.F.C.A., including pool and waterfront, was approved by voice vote.
- 3) By acclamation the members of the OFCA thanked her for all her hard work and dedication.

AD HOC COMMITTEES REPORTS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chuck Trenkle: Nominations from the floor were solicited: there were none. All persons listed by the Committee were approved by the O.F.C.A. by voice vote.

President: Edgar Schick – re-elected to a second one-year term.

Vice president: Chuck Trenkle – re-elected to a second one-year term.

Secretary: Dave Collier – re-elected to a second one-year term.

Treasurer: Kevin Gregg – elected to a one year term.

Pool Director: Steve Wood – elected to a two-year term.

Waterfront Director: Bob Burns – elected to a two-year term

Director (Social Activities): Bill Goodman – elected to a two-year term.

Director (Community Services): Amy Greif – elected to a two-year term.

Garden Club Director: Marie Tuccille – re-elected to a second one-year term.

Pool Committee Members: Laura Trizna, Susan Furniss, Jamie Bragg, Randy Roy.

Waterfront Committee Members: Bob Jelen, Mike Berning, Steve Patrick.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE POOL AND RELATED ISSUES: Jen Mills: A written report appears in the October *Oakleaf*. The committee is in the process of speaking with other communities and preparing a questionnaire for distribution in this community.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

WATERFRONT: Bob Jelen: no report

POOL: Brandon Murray and Maria Bernard: The pool company had not yet responded by October 26 to the concerns of the Pool Committee in a letter stating the Committee's dissatisfaction with their services. They wish to keep their contract with us. Maria and Steve Wood will research our options to break that contract.

SAFETY, POLICE, AND FIRE: Jay DeFrancesco: Kids are still hanging out at the pool area. We still have no new police representative for our community, and no burglaries have been reported recently. If residents see any suspicious activity, they should call the police and also inform Jay.

SOCIAL: Linda Cronin: The haunted forest was postponed due to inclement weather; it's been re-scheduled for October 30th, at 6:30 pm.

Pig Roast: The members of the O.F.C.A. expressed their thanks to all those who made it such a success this year.

GSPC: Bruce Karner: Excused, no report. *The Greater Severna Park Voice* is a great way to keep current. Residents should contact Bruce with any issues or questions.

COMMUNITY SERVICES: Jen Mills: No report. The members of the O.F.C.A. expressed their thanks to Jen for her hard work and dedication.

GROUNDS: Liz Cingel: The grounds have been seeded, aerated, and fertilized. The two hawthorne trees in the center strip, and the leaning tree by the pool area have been removed.

It was also pointed out that the fence, which is in poor condition, between the pool property and 26 Whittier Parkway, had been erected years ago by the O.F.C.A. The President agreed to refer possible repairs to the Board of Directors.

STREETS AND LIGHTS: Chris Trizna: The BGE light on the pole in the pool parking lot that was reported going off/on every 15 minutes is still under investigation. It was brought to our attention that the dip/ sink hole at the intersection of Emerson and Stauffer is getting worse. Chris will follow up with the county.

GARDEN CLUB: Marie Tuccille: There will be a “craft night” on November 7 at Linda Cronin’s home.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The speed humps on McKinsey Rd. have been delayed due to recent weather conditions; they are still scheduled for this Fall.
2. Robinson Landing Ridge affiliation. They no longer seem interested, so no further action will be initiated by the O.F.C.A.
3. Basketball courts: In the March meeting we had approved \$1000 for repairs. We did not have to use the money; some equipment was found in the locker room that will serve until spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The General Meeting voted to move into a “Committee of the Whole” to discuss the suggestion that a Volleyball Court be developed on one of several possible sites on the grounds outside the pool fence. The Committee of the Whole held an orderly, respectful discussion of differing opinions and perspectives.

- A drawing was displayed that showed various possible sites which might be considered.
- Those in favor of creating a “volleyball court” -- or comparable play area -- were encouraged to speak first, some in favor, in general, and others in favor of a specific location. Some spoke of a permanent facility, while others supported a temporary play area for several sports for use both by adults and youth as something needed for the community.
- Then those opposed to the concept, in general, or to specific locations, in particular, were encouraged to make their arguments. Objections raised included the need to remove trees or to re-build the “pig pit” charcoal pit to another location; the need to develop, first, a more comprehensive set of priorities for facilities development (especially in light of the work of the *ad hoc* committee on the future of the pool); noise; location near the homes of others; unknown costs.

By an open vote, with a “show of hands,” a majority of those voting passed the following resolution to be forwarded to the General Meeting:

The matter of a “volleyball court”/playground on the property outside the pool fence shall be studied further. Issues to be addressed include (but are not limited to): costs; possible locations; environmental impact on vegetation (including trees); impact on the sprinkler system (if any); noise and impact on neighbors; probable amount of use; impact of the proposed area on other activities; benefits to O.F.C.A. residents, etc.

The Committee of the Whole voted to adjourn.

The General Meeting resumed.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE was adopted by a majority open vote by a show of hands to be referred to the Board of Directors with interim reports to the community and a formal report at the Annual Meeting in March 2006.

2. In light of the discussions about the age of the pool and the need to plan for possible, expensive restoration and renovation and other community investments, it was moved and seconded that effective in 2006 the annual dues be raised to \$250. -- After some discussion the meeting voted to refer the matter to the Board of Directors who shall report back to the full community with plans and priorities for the use of the additional revenue so generated at a special meeting in December, at the latest.

The members voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted, Dave Collier