

## Annual KHOA Community Board Meeting – September 9, 2006

Board Members In attendance: Steve Mascarella, Bob Straus, Rebecca Sellman, Alexis Schwartz

- 9 attendees from the neighborhood
- Financial statement reviewed by Rebecca – Budget is \$14,500 only \$3449.00 has been spent as of today. We are starting to use the entertainment budget.
- On 11/06 the beginning checkbook balance was \$40,000. Today it is \$37,321.50. Two CD's worth \$20,000 have also been purchased.
- Fountain maintenance was discussed – it requires lubricated every 2-3 years. The board was unaware of the maintenance requirements until recently. It also needs to be centered in the pond. One of the tethers broke and will be fixed this week. The fountain should last 10-15 years.
- Next spring a blue dye will be applied to the pond to prevent algae from growing. It will still be fish and animal friendly as well as allow sunlight through.
- \$19,400 in dues has been collected – 7 homes not paid as of today.
- Review of voting results (see previous minutes)
  - Items included solar panels, enforcement, self help group
- Pond maintenance – Steve will call Lake Dr. to see about spraying for algae – we need to review this – the spraying should last longer than 2 weeks
- In terms of the creek, the bridge is most likely the problem (please see previous minutes or call Steve for specifics)
- One neighbor asked for a specific date when the creek would be cleaned out – no specific date given. He also asked for a civil engineer to be hired – the problem is finding one who is willing to sign off on a design.
- A few civil engineers have been contacted and in their expert opinion, stagnation points would remain regardless of excavation. We are still interested in volunteers to help clean the creek using a Bobcat and other machinery. A spray needs to be applied early in the season to kill off the weeds before we can initiate work. We are also waiting for numbers from Deborah Swan (City of Troy Engineer) to see if Edgewater runoff is part of the problem. The bridge and cleaning of the creek will be completed all at the same time and once it is dry enough. Waiting for answers is part of the problem. The long term result will be beyond excavation. We won't be able to completely eliminate growth of weeds. The spray discussed earlier will be contracted out and any follow up will be done by volunteers.
- Next summer, the creek will be much better than today.
- Steve has been walking the creek to evaluate and give answers to civil engineers.
- The mowing company we have had used to mow up and down the entire creek but now claims they don't have the equipment to do the job.
- We will be looking at a new contractor for mowing as well as lake treatment.
- The first priority is self help group formed and spray weeds (rushes)
- The second is Bridge replacement and run a Bobcat through creek (this can be done in the winter to minimize disturbance to the park and bridge)
- The Website will be updated at the end of the month.
- The issue of increasing shed sizes to 120 sq. ft. was brought up but tabled. We would like to find a formula that would take into consideration lot size. If we allow a large shed on all properties, it may be too large and an eye sore for some of the smaller lots in the neighborhood.
- Steve's term is up at the end of the year – we will continue to help with the creek and pond since he has invested the most time and has the most knowledge regarding the issue.
- We are also in need of an approvals person to approve sheds and fences.
- The Fall Festival is Oct. 1 (Sunday) from 3-7 pm with dinner at 5:00

- We discussed buying park benches on our own as well as getting a storage unit for the fountain. During the winter months.

#### Board Meeting:

- Directory will be updated at the festival – check for corrections.
- Volunteer for the two open Board positions will be taken at the festival as well. If you are interested, please contact a board member.
- We are asking the events committee chairperson to attend our meetings and update the board on any upcoming events as well as funds needed.
- We will be formulating a list of needs for the landscape/mowers as well as the Lake Dr. pond maintenance crew.