

Woodridge Village Committee Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2010, 7:00pm

Committee members in attendance:

Co-Chair: Kim Daitch
Co-Chair: Trish Flora
Vice Chair: Mildred Reagle
Secretary: Joe Lynch
Treasurer: Marylou Fisher

Introductions:

Committee members introduced themselves.

Kim discussed the impetus for meeting. Residents had discussed projects that needed to be completed within Woodridge informally but we were lacking an official/effective forum for addressing these.

The June meeting was the first step in beginning to solicit resident input and gain an understanding of the issues impacting Woodridge. Additionally, residents stepped forward for committee roles and the vote was conducted in July.

Introduction of Joy Gurley of LLA

Joy Gurley explained her role. At village meetings, she tries to facilitate whatever goals we are trying to achieve. This may include conducting research on a particular project/issue, communicating with residents regarding proposals, events, etc., which may be handled via emails, letters, postcards, etc. Joy also organizes elections and reported that she can help us in keeping matters independent, i.e., reduce conflicts of interest. Additionally, Joy explained that she can and will communicate with the board on our behalf whenever requested. Joy does not typically deal with village-specific special events. These are handled within the community.

Joy explained that common area concerns need to be presented to the board. Apparently these concerns can go to Kerry Pauly, village manager who in turn works with LLA management, or meeting directly with the LLA general manager, Clay.

In general, Joy communicated that she has the ability to get things where they need to go and when in doubt, she's a good person to start with.

Joy addressed how residents can handle general complaints

These include concerns about signage, yards, common areas, roads, etc. These go to LLA management and are always anonymous. Concerns can be handled in-person, by contacting management by phone, or through the LLA website: www.lakelinganore.org

Woodridge Village amenity account overview

History of the Woodridge Account

There are approximately \$63,000 in an escrow account designated for the Woodridge village for the purpose of completing several designated items.

These items include:

- The village trail system
- The tot-lot
- The entrance way (including a community sign)

The items were designated in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) issued by the original developer of the most recent construction several years ago.

Beginning the process

Kim explained that now that we have a committee, it is an appropriate time to examine community needs and ensure that money is spent on Woodridge projects.

Resident Forum

A range of issues were expressed by residents. These may become agenda items for future meetings.

- **Concerns about the safety of walking to the dam down the blind, sharp corner with no available space for pedestrians.**
 - Kim explained that there had been some investigation into an engineered solution, but that the costs and logistics were challenging and seemed cost prohibitive.
 - The committee suggested that additional investigation could occur in a trails sub-committee.
 - Joy Gurley suggested working with the LLA trailblazers as well.
- **A discussion took place regarding any future development of the common area, known as Parcel C (the land extending from the circle, to the end of the gravel trail on the West side of Woodridge Dr.)**
 - It was suggested that the committee explore making improvements to the basketball court since it has limited functionality at this time due to its small size and a lack of fencing (to keep balls from rolling into the woods).
 - Lighting was requested along the grass path through the woods. Some thought that this would invite vandalism and expand maintenance requirements. Solar was suggested as a power source.
 - One resident suggested that we review the overall plan for the entire property before proceeding on smaller projects.
- **Condition of the south and north ends of the gravel walking path.**

- The south end of the walking trail as it meets Woodridge Drive has been damaged by storm run-off, construction parking, resident parking, and suspected non-resident parking.
 - The north end (terminus at the circle) is frequently blocked by parking.
 - Joy suggested enlisting the help of the LLA Trailblazers.
 - The repair of these areas are the responsibility of LLA, not Woodridge. Kim believes that repair of the south end has been delayed to allow for the conclusion of construction vehicle parking for the house across the street.
 - Resident, James Maleady, stepped forward to lead a Woodridge Trails sub-committee.
 - Mildred Reagle also volunteered to serve on the committee.
 - Kim Daitch will provide the sub committee with information she's collected over the years including maps.

- **Limited parking and associated issues**
 - The discussion of the degradation of the walking path due to parking raised additional concerns about the limited availability of parking in some areas of the community, especially at the entrance to Woodridge, along the narrow curve leading up the hill.
 - A resident expressed a desire to develop solutions to this and proposed the creation of parking within the existing common area (Parcel C).
 - Others were concerned that this was not the intended purpose of the common area. Additionally, Joy explained that alterations of that kind require whole community input and that there are added procedural barriers.
 - It was proposed that boulders be placed in areas that parking is not permitted.
 - It was proposed that better/more signage be erected.
 - It was proposed that residents receive visitor parking passes in order to keep non-residents from parking illegally.
 - It was proposed that a parking area be considered as part of potential improvements to the basketball court.
 - The issue needs additional feedback and investigation. No conclusions were reached at this time.
 - There is an additional concern that non-residents are using Woodridge streets in order to circumvent parking restrictions at the dam/lake, thereby avoiding a potential tow.
 - There was an additional concern that some residences have multiple families and a surplus of vehicles which add to parking pressures.

- **Deer overpopulation and Lyme carrying ticks**
 - Several residents have contracted Lyme disease and concern was expressed that the burgeoning deer population is to blame.
 - Mildred Reagle has resources that she would be willing to share regarding preventing ticks and Lyme.
 - It was proposed that residents be surveyed in order to understand the current scope of the problem.

- Resident, James Maleady, volunteered to head a sub-committee to explore the options for eradicating Lyme in the community.
- **Some bus stops in the community are potentially hazardous due to blind spots.**
 - According to some residents, a few bus stops have been eliminated due to fuel-saving efforts by the county schools.
 - One of the stops, Woodlake, is poorly conceived since drivers cannot see the stop until they turn the corner. Some would like this stop moved to Woodcliff.
 - Some residents are using other locations.
 - Joy said that Doug Seligson might be able to negotiate new spots if we contact him with specific concerns.