

Rochdale Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 6:30 p.m., Rochester Hills City Hall
16 in attendance

- 1) Call to order at 6:40 p.m. Welcome from Warren DeWitt, president.
- 2) Introduction of members in attendance:
 - a) Board Members: Warren DeWitt, Randy McGillis, Tiffany Fronck, Edna Coghlan, Tom Greaves, and Herb von Rusten.
 - b) A sign-in roster was distributed and each attendee introduced him/herself.
- 3) Approval of minutes from March 14, 2014 (approved via email) – Warren mentioned that the minutes are always available online at www.rochdalesub.com.
- 4) Officers' Reports:
 - a) President:
 - i) Deer Population
 - (1) Warren addressed resident complaint regarding deer destroying shrubbery, etc. It was discovered one of our neighbors had an automatic deer feeder that was influencing the number of deer in that area. Since then the city enforced the no feeding wildlife ordinance and had the feeder removed.
 - (2) Discussed the city's 2008 deer culling (16 were culled). Contrary to some rumors, none of the deer were shot from a helicopter. Instead the county used strategic bait piles and accurately shot from an elevated blind so no projectiles were at risk of injuring anyone. A 2009 virus thinned out the herd by about 20 additional deer.
 - (3) Explained the city has two benchmarks that would need to be met to consider a future culling:
 - (a) deer herd numbers (determined by counting deer from helicopter)
 - (b) number of deer/car collisions (+200)
 - (c) Resident complaints
 - ii) Recent home sales activity
 - (1) John Ball residence, 1525 Stockport has pending sale: Property has lien for unpaid dues.
 - (2) Rossbach home on Gracedale just went into foreclosure.

(3) Coulter home on Orcharddale has sold & we have new neighbors.

(4) Clayton home on Orcharddale has a sale pending.

b) Vice-President: no report

c) Secretary: Nomination and Election of Board Members and Officers

i) Warren, Randy, and Mark have offered to continue their roles as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer. Tiffany will be stepping down as Secretary, but has offered to serve as a director. Trisha Cox has been nominated to serve as the new Secretary.

ii) Tiffany Fronck welcomed additional nominations for new directors or officers. No nominations were made.

iii) The election of board members were unanimously approved as follows:

Elected for two-year terms:

Warren DeWitt	Tiffany Fronck	Randy McGillis
Herb von Rusten	Rick Wagener	Trisha Cox

Currently finishing the first of a two-year term:

Mark Bunch	Edna Coghlan	Tom Greaves
Joel Morris	Dan Lewis	

Officers:

President	Warren DeWitt
Vice President	Randy McGillis
Secretary	Trisha Cox
Treasurer	Mark Bunch

d) Treasurer's Report: Board Treasurer Mark Bunch was not able to attend so Warren DeWitt distributed the Treasurer's Report and discussed the revenues and expenses through the past calendar year. 98 of 108 total annual dues were collected (4 homes have not paid since dues became mandatory in 2004 and 6 homes have not yet paid 2014 dues). Overall, we're doing much better than other subs in the area regarding dues collections. Warren explained the billing/invoice process and timing.

5) Members' Comments:

a) Carol Reddan: who enforces junk in driveways? Warren explained our bylaws don't have much teeth on blight enforcement. It's best to call the city for these issues. They will come and inspect the complaint, leave a tag for the offender, which gives them 30 days to comply before being issued a ticket.

6) Unfinished Business:

- a) Rochdale Sub Sign: Warren discussed the sign previously at Walton/Orchardale which blew down in a wind storm. The board discussed the possibility of replacing it with an identical sign (required by the city to be identical in appearance since the sign was grandfathered in), but the board tabled the issue until the annual meeting to get member comments when no feedback was received after the newsletter. Clarence Vos said the sign was confusing regarding Rochdale Sub/Orchardale Drive – others agreed. Board to make final decision at next board meeting.
- b) Park Improvements: Warren explained the board has looked into options for improving our pond and park. When the board requested member input regarding their wishes for park improvements there was no feedback.
 - i) Sediment Solutions: quoted \$12,000, plus \$3500.00 for sediment bag. They would use a 6” pump to suck organics off of pond bottom. There is currently 12-14” of sediment. Mr. Tenniswood said pond was dredged in the past (30-40 years ago). The springs weren’t working at the time.
 - ii) Tri-County Aquatics: biological digester pellets eat organics & convert into gas. Warren suggested using pellets for 2 years (\$600 per season).
 - iii) Inland Lakes: awaiting quote from them. The idea of redoing the beach and getting the pond in swimmable condition again has been scrapped. Instead we are looking at restoring the shore line along the south bank (sink hole) due to slow erosion. Also looking at using boulders as a barrier.
 - iv) Springs are clogged from sediment. Unsure how the fish population held up after the long winter.
 - v) Spruce trees along the park road are in decline (due to age and disease). The board has to decide whether to replace them in stages or do one big overhaul.

7) New Business:

- a) Annual Subdivision Picnic: Sunday, September 7th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- b) Next scheduled meeting date: September 10th at 6:30 p.m. in Room 221.
- c) Warren mentioned the passing of our neighbors this past year: Mrs. Barley, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Hansen will be missed.

8) The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. with thanks to the attendees.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tiffany Fronek, Secretary.