

RAINTREE VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 3, 2003 MINUTES

Board members present: Mike Bean, Debbie Doyle, Bill Jenuwine, Kern Smith, Barb Layman, David Eisenbacher
Guests: Tom and Jan Sommers, Henrean Prater, Dennis Duquette

>Mike Bean called the meeting to order. Each guest was asked their individual concerns which included the lawn service and poison ivy in Forest Commons.

>**PARKS:** Over the summer several comments/complaints from residents regarding the overall lawn care of the commons areas/islands were received either by e-mail or phone calls. Tom Sommers mentioned several observances in which he feels the lawn contract is being violated. He noted that there was no re-seeding in Abbey Commons where needed (a picture was shown of the specific area) and that the lawn cutting of Raintree Island and Abbey Commons is very inconsistent. He noted there were numerous times where the weeds and grass were very long and unsightly on Raintree Island. Henrean agreed that the level of service is not acceptable and the lawn service contract is not being adhered to. She sees the need for bids to be taken for future lawn service. Tom and Henrean suggested separate contracts for the fertilization and lawn cutting. Bill and Kern also concurred that the maintenance of Forest Commons was inconsistent over the summer. Tom also indicated that they have some documented dates of cuttings and will pass that along to the board. The current contract was reviewed and certain items are not being followed per the agreement: weekly cuts are not on a timely basis, the cuts "as needed" are not occurring when necessary, and Abbey Commons is not being cut on the days agreed to. The current contract expires at the end of the 2004 season. David Eisenbacher made a motion to send official notification to Jim McCauley to let him know that the Raintree Village Homeowners Association believes he is not honoring the expectations of the lawn service contract. Kern second. A meeting at the end of the 2003 season will be scheduled with Jim McCauley to address issues with this breach of contract. Henrean and Tom will assist the parks committee in contacting other lawn companies to compare costs and services of lawn maintenance and fertilization for future reference.

- Ash borer problem: Mike commented on how trees with this disease are being handled. Dennis Duquette mentioned that he has a company that is attempting to save a tree in his yard. He will pursue more information on this. Mike mentioned that the board will need to budget for future expenses on prevention and removal of the diseased trees in our sub. Many are located in Forest Commons.
- Dennis indicated that poison ivy is a problem in Forest Commons. Mike mentioned that Chuck Barnes from the Outdoor Education Center recommended, several years ago, doing nothing regarding the poison ivy. Bill and Kern who also live near the area and cannot recall anyone getting poison ivy from playing in the woods. Dennis will send a sample to the extension service to verify the plant.
- Bishop Island: Mike offered plans for the island, which includes drought resistant phlox, hostas, tiger lily etc. Barb will continue with the plans.

COTHA: First meeting will take place next week.

TREASURER REPORT: Kern commented on a lien that was recently paid on. There is also \$12,300 in outstanding dues. Barb motioned to accept the report. Bill second.

VOICE MAIL: Mark Leonard (via e-mail) will continue monitoring for September.

SUB PAVING: David reported the specific streets that are set to be paved. These include Northlake, Woodgate, Crimson, Sherwood and portions of Lakewood and Crestline.

OPEN POSITIONS ON BOARD: Mike indicated due to the fact that his job has relocated to Jackson he will be stepping down soon.

CIVIC CENTER UPDATE: David reported that the residents will vote in April regarding this issue.

PUD at BIG BEAVER SCHOOL LOCATION: David answered questions regarding this development.

POOL PARTY FEEDBACK: Good turn out; approx. 175 residents attended. Kern wondered if the time in the evening could be earlier as it got cool later in the evening. The pool doesn't close until 7pm so it would not be possible to do. Kern also mentioned that a few residents paid on past dues. Debbie mentioned that several residents have asked for the Raintree to reserve the Aquatic Center again next year.

HALLOWEEN PARADE/PARTY: October 26th. Mike will check with Colleen on her availability to help arrange for moonwalk and bungee run, etc.

1640 CRIMSON: Debbie and Barb mentioned that this issue is resolved with the resident's backyard neighbor.

OTHER: > Debbie mentioned that Cindy Stewart from the city's community affairs department will be e-mailing her activities and information to post on RVHA's website.
>David passed out pamphlets on West Nile Virus.
>No feedback on stop sign at Kings Point and Harmony.

Mike motioned to adjourn the meeting. Debbie second.

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