

Spring Oaks Civic Association
Meeting
6-7-2012 7 PM

Meeting called to order by President Chuck Campbell

Introduction of new board members:

President: Chuck Campbell

Vice President: Greg Belanger

Secretary: Sue Swanstrom

Treasure: Samantha Miner

Special thanks to past board members:

President: Tom Guerin

Vice President: John Hunter

Secretary: Margaret Keeling

Treasure: Ray Koch

Reason for meeting:

Introduce new board members

Nothing will change

Want to keep neighborhood as is

Talk about issues of concern

Need donations for tree removal and tax for park

Issues of concern:

1. 11 Dead trees in the park

Need donations to help with cutting them down

Bids have come in from \$2200 - \$2300 which includes cut down, haul away and stump grinding.

2. Who is liable for trees in park if they were to fall on private property & who is liable for park equipment if someone were to get hurt.

3. Sidewalk illegally on private property
 - a. issue has been taken care of with ORN

4. Burning issues

5. Water line

a. Along RR tracks

b. Now along road

6. Possible Annexation in the future
7. Foreclosure house on Oakhurst
8. Speeders on Spring Pines
9. Home on Spring Pines with container in driveway
10. Who will pay tax for neighborhood park and volunteers to maintain

Suggestions:

1. Open a bank account for donations to pay bills
 - a. Jill Campbell talked with Woodforest Bank regarding non profit account. Cost is \$5 month with minimum balance.
2. All land owners voluntarily give \$20-\$25 per year or more to help with tree removal & taxes.
 - b. Volunteers to go door to door asking for donations
 - c. If no answer leave letter asking for their donation
 - d. Ask for volunteers to maintain park or to come on designated Saturday to help with maintenance.
 - e. If volunteer were to haul dead wood to Budde Rood recycle center it might save money
3. Chuck Campbell did some research and found if park equipment is in good working order public park governing entity is not liable.
4. Burning issue: ORN ban and nothing can be done about this
5. Water lines: at this time nothing can be done regarding this issue
6. Annexation: Per James Kelly ORN can't annex for 30 years.
7. Foreclosure: Jill Campbell has been working with county on getting the foreclosure home safe & secure until BOA takes possession. Alice Lofton paid out of pocket for front lawn maintenance this past week.

Following issues with the foreclosure are still pending

- a. Broken window in back yard
 - b. Pool & its maintenance
 - c. Front and Back yard continue to have high grass
8. Speeder on Spring Pines.
 - a. There have been four accidents on Spring Pines due to speeders
 - b. Write a letter to sheriff with signatures from concerned homeowners regarding speeders on Spring Pines, Basswood and Hanna
 - c. Volunteer driveways where sheriff can sit with radar gun to help slow down speeders.
 9. Fertilizer & container in front of 710 Spring Pines
 - a. Chuck Campbell will talk with owner regarding container

- b. There is nothing in deed restrictions covers having a company at a house but it does cover having a sign advertising a company. At this time this house does not have an advertising sign in the yard.

10. Once money is collected for tree removal from park is paid for then all that will be needed in the coming years are the property tax of around \$20/year & maintenance for neighborhood Park.

Miscellaneous:

Time frame for cutting dead trees in the neighborhood park depends on when enough funds are collected to pay that bill.

Start collecting email address from property owners in Spring Oaks and spread the word about the Spring Oaks web site for easy communication to all property owners.

Changing by laws requires signatures from 75% of homeowners in Spring Oaks.

The main reason for keeping civic association active is to protect our property values and to keep nuisance out of the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Sue Swanstrom
Secretary