

WOODCREEK PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTER MEETING FOR 2011

The Fourth Quarter 2011 meeting of the Woodcreek Board of Directors was called to order on November 1, 2011 at 7:09 p.m., at the home of Vice President Jerry Hawkinson. Members present were: President Mike Bown, Vice President Jerry Hawkinson, Treasurer Gerry Stueckemann, Secretary Ed. Floden, and Parks Commissioner Bill Conley. Also present were Dixie Swanson, Sandy Hawkinson, and Linda Conley.

This meeting was held two weeks later than usual, to accommodate board members who were unable to attend on the previous two Tuesdays.

Four agenda items were presented to review:

1. Review of the Third Quarter minutes
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Issues for discussion

1 Review of the Third Quarter Minutes

The 2011 Third Quarter Minutes were reviewed, and accepted without changes.

2 President's Report

Old business. As usual, the subject of poor landscape maintenance (by homeowners, not the common areas) was raised. Discussed was the possibility of using a violation of city ordinances to deal with these properties. Jerry Hawkinson volunteered to check with the City regarding vehicle parking (are the City ordinances more or less restrictive than those of Woodcreek?).

A garage sale was held this year, organized and in association with Glacier Ridge. There were eleven participating households.

A new page will be added to the Association website, with links to local government services.

A "property fraud alert" service has been subscribed to by the McHenry County Recorder's Office. For no fee, homeowners may register to receive an email alert if any transaction regarding their property is noted by the Recorder's Office. This service will be mentioned in the *Woodcreek Promulgator*.

Jerry Hawkinson will be refurbishing our street signs; he will remove those signs this month (November), and replace them in the spring of 2012. There was also a

continuing discussion about protecting the bases of the signposts with metal or wood enclosures, to prevent damage from weed whackers and such.

The replacement of the dead/dying trees in the Woodcreek was discussed. It was noted that some of these trees are white pine, which is not very suitable for our climate, having a life of only about twenty years. If any trees in the common areas are replaced, they should be replaced with hardier species.

The January 2012 meeting will most likely be held in a new venue. Dunnhill's, our previous meeting place for the past several years, is under new management and will be reopening as Marzano's Wood Fired Italian. Firewood was suggested as a replacement; Gerry Stueckemann will investigate.

There are no community activities planned for 2012. As in previous years, there is a general lack of interest in such events.

The experiment to notify homeowners of upcoming meetings via postcard will not be repeated, because it did not attract any additional members to the fourth quarter meeting. All further notices will be made by email only.

Articles to be published in the next *Woodcreek Promulgator*: (1) the importance of not having a lien on your property because you have failed to pay your Association dues; (2) a reminder that the posts of Association officers can be held by any member of Woodcreek, not just a cabal. If not for the volunteers holding these offices, our homeowner association would either (a) need to be run by a professional management company or (b) dissolved. The assembled noted that Glacier Ridge does not have a homeowners association.

Future meetings: January 17, 2012 at Firewood (to be determined).

3 Treasurer's Report

The Welcome Wagon item has been deleted from the budget for 2012. If any new owners arrive in Woodcreek, they will be dealt with informally.

4 Issues for Discussion

Should the Woodcreek Property Owners Association be run by paid professionals? Should it be dissolved, and any problems handled by the City of McHenry?

There was speculation on the curious disappearance of the Curran Road street sign, none of which will be repeated for fear of libel.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.