

**Sherwood Forest Association  
Annual Meeting  
May 21st, 2014  
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM  
Room 172**

**Agenda**

**Bill introduced self (moved in 1992, day of the Lund meeting) and called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm**

- Approval of 2013 Meeting Minutes: Sec. Christie Boeder

Motion was made to approve minutes as written by Gwen Myers/2<sup>nd</sup> and minutes were approved as written on voice vote

- President's Comments: Bill Jepson

**Overview of 2013 events**

1. Jim Couling dedication – June, started our year. Bench was build by Andy Anema, BIG turnout
2. July 4th Parade – July event
  - a. Parade for many years would go around the Twin Ponds, held this year again on Lakeview Ln. and paraded from there.
3. Neighborhood Night Out - Aug. (First Tues.)
  - a. Held this year, nice turnout although rained at the end!
4. Garage Sale – Sept (date changed to not overlap with annual Edina neighborhood one)
  - a. Will discuss having again this year
5. Kudos: Resident David Holmes receives international recognition for his Mt. Rushmore snow sculpture!
  - a. (Also has drawn *Mona Lisa* and *Girl with the Pearl Earring* on his driveway in chalk)
6. Chilly Fest – March 15, date was pushed back due to cold, couldn't shovel ponds so held a get together on Lakeview Ln and discussion is to hold it there each year. Good spot as easy access
7. Entrance Sign Repair - NY Bluestone 88" by 51" purchased from Hedberg on May 19th for \$1642.12. Checked a couple locations but felt Hedberg was the better place to buy it (they provided the original stone). Various theories as to why it broke and how. No way to exactly determine.
  - a. It takes two weeks to make the 5 cuts (74 degree angle). Thicker - 2" with rough finish. Two pieces will be picked up and delivered to the site by volunteers and lifted into place. Same aluminum letters will be bolted on.
  - b. Thanks to:
    - i. **Clem Moore** - has finished the electrical wiring and photosensor.

- ii. **Steve Freie** - has ground out the old mortar and stone in preparation for the new one.
- iii. **Tim Pickford** - will bolt the letters back on.
- c. Amy N. will plant the planters after the stone is replaced.
- d. We will set up a dedication ceremony after all the work is done.

#### **Treasurers Report:** Wayne Bren

- Yearly filing each year; 75 membership more renewals are needed to meet our minimum to cover yearly costs. Financial report available.
- Raised \$1340 raised so need to get \$1750
- Only 80 emails have been opened, he prefers checks mailed in versus Paypal (\$1 per year)

#### **Special Guest! Tony Wagner spoke a few moments**

- Timberline Rd. resurfacing
- Patrick Nolan commented that Tony W. has been a great advocate for our neighborhood.
- Thank you for your support, Our neighborhood is due for a speeding saturation
- Any up and coming projects? Ridgedale redevelopment (demolition of Macy's old Men's store starting – targeting next year for opening for Nordstrom's and believe there will be more restaurants, more upscale/outdoor seating!)
- Redevelopment where the old Ridgedale State Bank/Highland Bank is
- 5 owners of Ridgedale has led to some stalemate with moving to update Ridgedale property
- City is funding the rebuild of the west bound ramp to 394 so Nordstrom's could be built
- Northside of Park & Ride will be cleaned up, looking to find out the city options as the State owns
- City's next big road construction with the County is 101 and Shady Oak Rd/Excelsior
- At some point in the 10 years funding coming available for rebuild of Plymouth OR Hopkins Crossroads
- Discussion about potential dog park in Minnetonka (northside of Crane lake is one location that's been identified)

#### **President's Comments**

- History of Sherwood Forest Project
  - Particular interest of Bill as a retired History teacher and President of Minnetonka History Society
  - Sept. 2013 - 20 neighbors listened to Ron Vegamast's presentation of the *History of Sherwood Hills*. Audio will be linked to website – this focused on the Sherwood Hills Rd. area
  - Betty Eide and Tim Pickford added many pictures too.

- Darlene Berzins lent us the SF archives. Annual Dances - shall we have again?
- Whitney Frisch, (Bolster's cabin – 1<sup>st</sup> house 1941, Myrho's was 2<sup>nd</sup> 1942), Jim Shiltz, Irene Myhro - oral histories of the eastern side of SF to augment the info from Sherwood Hills Rd. area. Tim Pickford has a lot of pics as he grew up on Hilloway Rd. in 50/60s. Looking at a date later in the Fall for a History Presentation. Mink farm in the 1940s/Whitney Frisch (St. Louis Park historical site more info. Old foundation on the north side of Live Oak Rd. right after entering from the east entrance. Can still find buried chicken wire to keep foxes in)
- City has historical aerial photos (every 10 yrs or so) starting 1937. Can see the development of the neighborhood
- Annual Newsletter – features
  - Photos of events, bulletins, upcoming calendar, history, contact numbers, Included with annual membership fees.
  - Create yearly and send to dues paying members – the 'year in review'
- Website – features
  - Sherwood Forest property map online, historic aerial photos, bulletins from Police and Fire, Crime alerts, Employment (ie: baby sitters, music lessons, handyman), Meeting minutes, etc are available.
  - Link to Paypal on the website that will accept donations, and to pay dues
- Facebook/Twitter: Sarah Samuels
- Crime Alerts - Burglary attempts in March: Darlene Berzins
  - Both Darlene and Whitney went to the Annual Block Captain Meeting this year, source of statistics, demonstration of Swat Team – City shares with other municipalities due to expense and equipment required.
- Review of Committee Volunteers
- Upcoming Calendar Events:
  - Mid-June: Sherwood Forest Sign: Stone replacement ceremony?
  - Friday July 4th: Morning parade and refreshments in Lakeview circle
  - Tues. August 5th: Neighborhood Night Out
  - September Garage Sale?
  - Past there was a dinner party and if interest again we could think about resurrecting it.

### **Old Business/New Business/Adjourn Meeting**

- Concern about the Cross Country teams running through the neighborhood, suggestion was to call the principal
- Any concerns about the Coyote that has been cited/important to watch small pets, etc. Did try to trap last year but not successful and there was concern about poisons on the ground

- Deer population is down to about 200 (height was 2006 when population at 600 plus)
- Garlic mustard, just starting to bloom, pull now with wet ground. Pull slow and gently to get the whole root. Roundup will kill it but that's pretty aggressive. Pulling is best. White flower. Pull before it seeds.
- Buckthorn, get rid of the female (black berries), can paint garlon (dilute 5 to 1). Can get from Gwen Myers as they have a lot of it. Paint on with a brush. VERY affective!
- Any interest in another Buckthorn Bust at the common areas?
- Ethan Laub – general discussion last year and now this year: about the entrance ponds/I was one of the kids who used to mow. Going back to the more natural look/wildflowers have died off/but what can we do to maintain it? What can we do or not do....? Somebody (we think Greg O'Dell) did come down and start mowing, mainly bench area. But we think it can be expanded? Make it more useable. Signature part of the forest.
  - Suggesting tree trimming
  - Mowing around bench areas/
  - Buckthorn removal
  - Start up a Grounds Group/Ethan Laub
  - City person is Janet Larson who knows what plants are weeds/what are invasives

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted

Christie Boeder, Secretary