

**Beechwood Residential Association Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, February 3
Phil's House, 7 pm:**

Present:

Roman Warmke (President) – Brad Jokisch (Treasurer) - Phil Richardson (Trustee)
* *Dick Schelat (Trustee) and Caryn Asleson (Secretary) was unable to attend.*

Topics Discussed:

1. Annual Ervin Party planned for mid-May on Ervin's Farm. Phil and Roman met with County Commissioner Larry Payne a few days back who gave us good input on our following concerns. We also talked to Township Trustee Ted Linscott who seemed even more eager to help. Based on the two discussions, the following potential actions were concluded:

A) The issues of the free and safe passage on the road for both emergency vehicles and local traffic

Athens County will be attempting to make Stagecoach “one way” for the even, and provide even more busing and road security.

B) the health concerns of the “illegal dump” and littering following the event

Athens County will do a better job enforcing the “one week cleanup” rule, and we are encouraged to call the Athens County Health Department to complain about the aftermath.

C) the likelihood of people driving under the influence.

We have been told an increase in police presence is to be expected this year.

D) parking encroaching into Beechwood

We have been asked to contact the Sheriff's department to increase patrol in Beechwood that night.

After discussion it was determined that **Roman** will draft a letter of thanks to Larry and Ted, making it clear (for future records) that we:

- appreciate their thoughtful concern and assistance
- appreciate their attention to our above 4 concerns

This will ensure we have something "in writing" expressing our concerns and appreciation.

It was also determined that a request to meet with the Sheriff (Pat Kelly) in person will be made by Roman and Brad so we can ask for increased patrol that night and to express other concerns about the event.

2. Roads: We all agreed that so far, during this brutal winter, the county has been doing a good job keeping our roads clear. After some discussion it was determined that **Phil** would draft a letter to the (Division of Roads??) with Beechwood letterhead simply thanking them for their good work. (might want to call County Commissioner's office to see who is responsible.)

We also have two requests for guard rails, one on the side of the "hairpin" (just by 6781 Beechwood Drive) and one down the hill by the lake (just past 7005 Cornell Road.) Also, a road repair just outside of Beechwood to prevent constant water drainage and ice accumulation on Stagecoach. It was agreed to let a month go by after sending our note of "thanks" before asking for these improvements.

3. Beechwood Tax-Deductible? Brad reported back that he checked with the state and confirmed that donations to the Beechwood Residential Association are not tax deductible.

4. Bus Stop still up? Plan B, **Brad** is going to contact Smith's Hauling (Albany) to arrange a Tuesday pickup (paid for out of the general treasury,) then contact **Roman** who both will demolish the bus stop. This should happen before the end of March.

5. Beechwood Picnic (Spring). We all agreed a community picnic should be planned in May, preferable a week ahead of the big "Ervin Party" (to better disburse information) but not Mothers Day weekend. Exact plans for this will be made at the next meeting.

6. More Phish: **Brad** will contact **Linda** to arrange for the purchase and payment of more fish for the lake for the summer or 2009. Phil Richardson graciously offered to donate an additional \$100.00 to the cause. Brad will report back on this next meeting.

7. Lake Maintenance: Drainage and debris are currently running smoothly. Discussions ensued about getting 2 new outdoor picnic tables to replace the rotting ones currently down there. Two tables from Lowe's or another store should not exceed \$200. No plan of attack was set on this.

8. Website: <http://beechwoodofathens.com> is running along smooth and **Roman and Brad** volunteered to set up a PayPal connection so residents can pay their annual dues (set to go out in April) online. We also decided to include a field for "additional donations" for such projects as the picnic tables and stocking the pond on this form. This should be complete by next meeting,

9. Finances: There was no financial report requested for this meeting, although Brad reported that all bills are paid and that we are in good financial standing Next meeting **Brad** will supply a current balance of accounting.

Next Steps:

Roman: - Letter of thanks to Larry and Ted, - arrange meeting with Sheriff, - help Brad demolish bus stop, - setup PayPal on website.

Brad: - attend sheriff meeting with Roman, - contact trash removal fellow, - contact Linda for purchase of fish (Phil donation) - supply Roman w/ the Annual Dues sheet for PayPal implementation, - Accounting for next meeting.

Phil: - draft "thank you letter" to Division of Roads.

Next meeting - Monday, April 6th, 2009, Phil's Bar and Grill, 7 pm.

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