

## Beechwood Residential Association Meeting Minutes from Monday, September 8, 2008

**Phil's House:** Roman Warmke (President) – Brad Jokisch (Treasurer) - Phil Richardson (Trustee) and – Dick Schelat (Trustee)

\* *Caryn Asleson (Secretary) was unable to attend.*

### Topics Discussed:

1. Brad was able to reinstate the **Beechwood Association's "non profit status"** (which lapsed in June) for a fee of \$50.00. All is well for 3 more years.
2. **Email List:** Brad will compile all the email addresses he has for residents of Beechwood and Roman will create a list serve for said addresses. This will be handy in case of news, events, or emergencies.
3. **The Bus Stop** is old and worn down. After some discussion Dick volunteered to rebuild it with a little help from the group. Brad indicated we had a bit of money in the kitty if we need some lumber.
4. **The American Electric Power light** that burns near **Mike Small's** house... Mike has asked us to put a shade on it or have it removed. Brad did some canvassing and the closest neighbor was fine to have the light shaded. We decided we should just remove it but first wanted to check with the County Commissioners or Township Trustee. **BRAD WILL CHECK WITH AEP IF WE CAN TURN IT OFF EXPERIMENTALLY, TURNING IT BACK ON LATER IF NECESSARY** if that is allowed. We also had two other issues we needed to discuss with the County and they include – some cracks appearing in the road in places, and – concerns over this "Five Fest" party held near us every May. Phil volunteered to setup a meeting with the commissioners or Trustees. In regards to the "Five Fest" party at our back door, **WE WANT TO EXPRESS CONCERNS AND ENCOURAGE COUNTY TO PLAN BETTER FOR A PARTY THAT IS NOW OUT OF HAND, SPILLING IN BEECHWOOD, AND RAISES SAFETY AND HEALTH CONCERNS.**
5. The idea of a **Fall Beechwood Picnic** at the lake was discussed and agreed upon. The date will be **Sunday October 12 at 4 pm.** Please bring food =) We also will hold elections for 2009 at this picnic.
6. There have been 2 reports of break-ins (**Burglary**) around Beechwood in the month of August. We agreed to ask the county commissioners when we meet with them if they could bump up sheriff patrol of the area for a few months.
7. Brad gave his **financial report** which lives below. Roman volunteered to contact an accountant to see if donations to the Beechwood fund are tax deductible. **DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RAISED IN 25 YEARS AND IF WE WANT TO HAVE MONEY FOR ANY SORT OF SPENDING BEYOND THE LIGHT, TAXES, AND INSURANCE WE WILL NEED TO RAISE DUES OR ENCOURAGE (TAX-DEDUCTIBLE) DONATIONS.**
8. Caryn asked via email after the meeting if we could ask the commissioners/trustees about snow removal "on the road that goes from my house to Doug and Linda's (Williams) house. " Apparently that road was skipped last year. This has been added to the agenda for this meeting.

**Next Steps:**

Roman: - setup email list, - post minutes, - send picnic invites thru email, - call accountant on tax deductibility.

Brad: - spread the word about the picnic as well

Phil: - contact county commissioners/ township trustees for a possible meeting?

Dick: - begin looking into a plan for new bus stop.

**Next meeting** will be at the Picnic in October.

Adjourn

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**Beechwood Residential Association  
Budget Report  
September 8, 2008  
Amended September 11, 2008  
Prepared by B. Jokisch**

**Checking Account Balance** is approximately \$1,414.72

**Income:** 30 of 39 residents paid \$35 dues, totaling \$1,105 One house is empty (6773 Beechwood) and new residents at 6765 Beechwood were not billed.

**Expenses:** Approximately \$19.65 per month for lighting (\$236 annual).  
Approximately \$377.72 real estate tax (2008 paid).  
Approximately \$268 for liability insurance (2008 paid).  
One-time Association fee (paid)—reinstatement & change of statutory agent (\$25 x 2=\$50)  
Web page fee: \$50 (paid).  
Annual Expenses: Approximately \$982.

**Bottom Line:** We need approximately 29 households to pay dues annually. This year we were \$88 in the black.