

Solitude Pointe Subdivision Minutes for the January 24, 2008 meeting

Ian Shearing called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. at the Hamburg Library conference room

Attended by: **Board Members:**

Lynn Krasiewicz (was absent)

Ian Shearing 6928 Alta Dr.,

Chris Wilson (was absent)

Treasurer Jan Thomas (was absent)

Secretary Ed Hawkinson

Residents in attendance: Walt Blacha, Nick Lukacs, John McPhall, Randy Conley, Bill Lane, and Chris McGehee.

The meeting opened with a discussion by Ian Shearing about encouraging community involvement. Reinforcing community events such as the neighborhood picnic, spring cleanup, neighborhood garage sale, family soccer event, neighborhood fitness event and wildlife appreciation. Bill Lane volunteered to organize the Spring cleanup, and Tracie Hawkinson volunteered to organize the neighborhood picnic.

These events should encourage a sense of community pride, communication, involvement and may lead to an increase in neighborhood cohesiveness, and in increase in property value.

The current snow plowing contract was discussed and an appreciation for the good job that is being displayed by Shady Stop. The massive snow event that occurred on New Years day was quickly cleaned up by our new contractor, and everyone seems to be happy with their service.

A brief discussion about the condition of our street signs followed, and the fact that we must address this issue soon. There is continuing debate about whether we should replace the signs with standard metal signs, or keep the classy feel of the decorative signs. The volunteer committee to investigate new signs will be activated to provide recommendations to the association.

The volunteer committees to investigate curb repair, and to initiate the Spring cleanup will also be activated. That document of volunteer committee members is attached for your convenience. These committees should organize and meet to discuss the details of the issues and report back to the board members, so that they can make informed and sensible decisions.

Secretary Ed Hawkinson reported on the completion of a current neighborhood comparison report. This report was last conducted in 2004, and compares the amenities, fees, and property values of six Brighton school district neighborhood associations. Attached, is a summary of that report. If you would like more details, please contact Ed Hawkinson. We have expressed an interest in meeting with neighboring board members to share concerns, ideas, and contact lists.

A reminder that the Association dues are required by January 31, 2008. If you need a dues form, you can print one from the neighborhood website (<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/brighton/sp/>), or request one from the Secretary, Ed Hawkinson.

One resident asked if reminders for Association meetings and other important events could be mailed via U.S. Postal service, so as to put the notices in the mailbox versus the newspaper chute, which may be overlooked. This will be investigated.

A special guest speaker arrived. Officer Brandon Bullock from the Hamburg Township Police Department spoke about neighborhood safety and answered questions and concerns. He mentioned that since there is little crime, or awareness of crime in Hamburg, people tend to get a false sense of security. They tend to leave their houses unlocked, or cars unlocked in their driveways. There has been a recent series of home break ins, and thefts from cars in driveways. A home on Winans Lake road was burglarized, and several car stereos have been stolen in several areas. (Side note.... The president of Knollwood Hills subdivision, immediately to our North has reported some daytime home break-ins from last year as well.) Please keep your doors locked and beware of suspicious vehicles in the area. Note the license plate number and description of any vehicles that you deem suspicious.

There has been an increase in drug activity in the township and we must be vigilant in observing any unusual activity in our neighborhood. He also mentioned a scam where unscrupulous individuals will go through a neighborhood posing as AT &T or other service organizations, knocking on doors to see if anyone is home. If no one answers the door, they may try to enter the home. Call 911 immediately from your home phone (my kids thought a cell phone would be best, but the police department will be able to track caller ID, and address info from your **home phone**, even if you are unable to speak.)

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ed Hawkinson