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July 16, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

President Laura Farkas called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Laura opened the meeting with the introduction of board members, Jay Black was absent. Keith McCracken, Rob Edelson of Association Management, and Maryland Heights City Councilman, Norm Rhea was also introduced. Leslie Krall is AL's new clubhouse inspector. Special thank you to Sharon Kohler; who has been doing inspections since 2010.

Association Management Report by Keith McCracken

Autumn Lakes association as of 6/30/14 is /4\$1,272.09 better than budgeted on income for the year and \$2,111.07 over budget on expenses. Autumn Lakes Condominiums as of 6/30/14 is \$15,801.83 better than budgeted on income YTD. The condo association is \$24,813.72 over budget on expenses; primarily due to snow removal, new pest control contracts and tree removal expenses.

Aquatic control treated the lakes again with Q-trine Ultra and Aquasol-K to kill duckweed, primrose and algae. They received a shipment of new product "Clipper said to help eliminate the primrose. The fountain in the middle lake had a new motor installed. Rob is monitoring the lakes for muskrat and beaver, no recent sightings, reported.

The maintenance crew has been very busy cleaning gutters the past several months in addition to the regular spring and fall cleanings. We are taking bids for possible increase in gutter cleaning schedule in 2015 to a quarterly service.

The following buildings are scheduled for painting this year:

12031 – 12043 Autumn Lakes Dr 3010 -3020 Autumn Shores Dr
 12047 – 12057 Autumn Lakes Dr 12134- 12148 autumn Lakes Dr.
 12117 - 12127 Autumn Lakes Dr.

The retaining walls scheduled for replacement this year are located at:

Parking area wall across from 11966 Autumn Lakes Drive
 3158 Autumn Shores Dr, 3034 Autumn Shores Dr, and 12102 Autumn Lakes Dr.

Next shrub trimming is scheduled to begin September 29th.

Residents considering any improvements to their units are required to obtain all necessary permits from Maryland Heights. This assures the work will comply with all building codes. Any exteriors improvements or structural improvements or changes including windows and doors must also be approved by the board prior to any work being done.

Tree planting and landscaping changes at the Condos or on the common ground must be approved by the Board before work is done.

Residents are reminded **not** to store trash totes in front of the units, totes are to be stored inside the unit's garage. Failure to comply will result in fines being assessed.

If necessary smaller sized totes are available if you contact Allied Republic at 636-947-5959
 As always please call 314-291-1450 if you have a work request, questions or concerns.
 Residents can e-mail us at association3@juno.com

Board Reports-

a. Some residents have complained that work requests are not being addressed. Board President, Laura Farkas, shared that residents should not make requests directly to AL employees. Work requests should be called in to the office so they are able to be tracked. Contact an AL Trustee if your request is not addressed in a timely manner.

b. New website (autumnlakesstl.com) has a Contact Us form which can be used for work requests. New website also has FAQs, an overview of the subdivision, events, subdivision rules, lake committee reports and links for prior newsletters. A photo gallery is included as well. The current nominees for Maryland Heights Beautification Award are shown on in the photo gallery. There is no need to register to use the website. Laura Farkas is the only person able to upload photos. If you have photos of AL, submit them to Laura Farkas.

c. Committee updates- Architecture Committee, Landscaping Committee, Social Committee have openings for new members. Interested residents should contact an AL Trustee or indicate interest using the Contact Us form on the website.

d. Board President, Laura Farkas, inquired about resident concerns expressed at the previous Association meeting about dog waste and dogs being off leash. Two (2) residents have received a letter about their dog. One resident inquired about steps to report issues if the dog owner's name is unknown. It was suggested that a picture of the dog and/or owner be taken. Another resident indicated he did not believe a problem existed. Ms. Farkas indicated the Maryland Heights police department should be contacted when dogs are seen off-leash.

e. Garage Sale- a vote was taken at the Association meeting for the Fall Garage sale date. September 27, 2014 was selected. Our Garage sale will be advertised in Craig's List.

Bridgeton Landfill-

By e-mail to Laura Farkas, Jay reported that pre-construction work to map out a location for constructing an isolation barrier between the sub-surface smoldering event and the radiological material is still in progress. Paul Rosasco, Engineering Management Support, Inc., and Project Coordinator for the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRP), reported to Jay that the trench and barrier wall work would not begin until a safe path has been determined and that could be as early as mid-July, but more likely this coming September. Results of the soil samples should be known in this time frame. As of July 15, 2014, EPA announced, "The pre-construction work plan submitted by the PRP contractor, EMSI, has been approved by the EPA, pending resolution of two issues (include background levels for site clearing, and St. Louis Airport approval of Bird Hazard Monitoring and Mitigation). Details of EPA's approval letter to the contractor can be found at the following link: www.epa.gov/region07/cleanup/west_lake_landfill/ "

The BMAC ball fields were tested the week of May 19. Using GPS linked to a sodium iodide sensor, three radiation teams canvassed 45 miles of transecting lines collecting more than 58,000 data points. Gamma screening did not detect any areas of unusual or elevated gamma activity. In addition the teams collected more than 100 surface soil samples from the infields, outfields, grassy areas, outside of playing fields, and also drainage areas. These results should be back by end of July. More information and these results are also available on the same link. EPA has identified five locations to place monitors for off site air monitoring; Roberston Fire Station on Taussig, Pattonville FD Adm. Bldg on St. Charles Rock Road, PFD on McKelvey Rd., St. Charles FD So. Main St., and Spanish Village Park in Bridgeton.

Wetlands area-

Larry reported that Aquatics Control has provided treatment for small upper wetlands area. The wetlands area is much clearer. The mowers are cutting closer to shoreline to give a cleaner look.

Lake Subcommittee-

The lake subcommittee has met on several occasions to gather information with the goal of developing a draft proposal to submit to the AL board to improve the appearance of the lakes. The committee members have been monitoring the lake treatments and have scheduled a visit to Lake St. Louis to meet with representatives from Lake St. Louis and the civil engineer from the firm they use; both have experience with issues similar to ours. For a complete report on the Lake Subcommittee, please visit the website and/or view postings by the lake and on AL bulletin board.

Activities Report-

Laura shared about upcoming pool party- August 16th, 4:00 p.m. Activities will include water balloon toss, BINGO. Postcards will be mailed by Friday, July 18th. The AutumnFest will be held on Saturday, October 11.

Open Forum

a. A resident inquired if deck repairs require board approval - RESPONSE No. Deck repairs do not need board approval. Any replacement or deck changes DO need board approval. Discussion ensued regarding composite materials. The board has not been approached recently about use of composite materials. Residents should inquire with Maryland Heights for new code requirements.

b. Paint for deck rails can be obtained from Mark Neubauer.

c. What happened to hot tub- RESPONSE. Hot tub was a continuous source of repairs. St. Louis County increased permit costs and changed rules. A vote was taken at the time and it was determined that the hot tub would no longer be used.

d. Who checks the chlorine- RESPONSE- ProPool comes early in am 6 days a week to check levels and blows leaves. St. Louis County also comes weekly.

e. What is AutumnFest- RESPONSE- Laura gave a brief history of AutumnFest. Used to include a pig roast, Oompa Band, Karaoke, Parade and was held by lakes. Due to loss of the resident pig roaster, the pig roast was retired and has been replaced with pulled pork, grilled burgers and brats. The AutumnFest is now held at clubhouse and pool area.

Andrea moved for adjournment. Larry seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Executive Session

1. The board approved a \$4300 bid for asphalt repairs.
2. The board plans to add 'swimming alone is not allowed' to the pool rules.

Social Committee Plans

Summer Picnic at the Pool

Autumn Lakes Clubhouse

Saturday, August 16, 2014

4 to 8 pm



RESIDENTS: Bring a dish to share (Appetizer, Salad, Side Dish or Dessert)

Fried Chicken and Beverages provided (Beer, Margaritas, Soda & Water)

- 4:00 Party Starts
- 4:30 Water Balloon Toss
- 5:00 Dinner (Fried Chicken)
- 6:30 Bingo with Prizes

*Meet your neighbors
Enjoy the party!*



"Autumn Lakes is a Neighborhood Watch community and residents should report any incidents or suspicious activity to the Maryland Heights Police at 314-298-8700".

