

Meeting Notes

Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2004

Place: St. Timothy's Church Hall

Attendance: 23

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
Welcome/ Introduction	General introduction by Camille Vokey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meetings to be informal/fun - Involve everyone; questions and comments welcome at all times People in attendance introduced themselves and gave their address, how long they have lived in McDonald Lake, and number of children, if applicable.	
Additions	It was noted that Fiddle Court has been renamed Eagleview Terrace	
Purpose of the meeting	To develop a Residents Association for McDonald Lake Park. -Objectives to include Parkland development and other future projects as they arise (e.g. new sign for entrance to subdivision).	
Review of past meetings	Camille gave a review of the past two meetings held at her home as follows: <u>June 16:</u> -Met with Blair Blakeney, Park Capital Projects Real Property & Asset Mgmt, HRM. -Stages of development for parkland include: Trail to water, Picnic bench, Play area -Blair informed the group that the HRM likes to see commitment and organization from a community. This helps with funding as well. -The budget year for HRM is April to March. Funding requests should be in before April to be allocated in the upcoming budget. - Blair stated that there are grants available from many sources – if we are organized as an association, we will be eligible for these grants. *Curtis Robertson informed us that he has sent a formal letter of interest to Blair Blakeney regarding	

	<p>parkland development. Blair said at the meeting that this was the first step to be taken towards parkland development and funding.</p> <p><u>July 13:</u> - Met with Annette Verge, Community Developer, HRM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annette stated the benefits of having an Association include: everyone has a say, it promotes active involvement, and it is easier to get funding if a formal Association is in place. - Annette reviewed the HRM Residents Association Information sheet (as posted on our website), which includes benefits, structure and details the positions suggested for an Association. The positions are a guideline only; we may choose to have more or fewer positions and may change the descriptions of duties as well. - Annette will be taking a new position and gave us the name of her replacement to contact. The replacement is Holly Richardson. 	
Discussion	<p>It was brought to the group's attention that the designated parkland on Prospect River Court is not an easily developed piece of land; it is wet and will need much work to clear and level. Many residents of McDonald Lake inquired about developing another area instead – there is a pathway at the end of McDonald Lake Drive that leads to Nickel Lake. This area has a beach and walking trail. It was suggested that we look into this idea. It was determined that the area belongs to HRM and this possibility would have to be further investigated once an Association is in place.</p> <p>Another issue raised was that of insurance and liability for an Association. It needs to be investigated if we need insurance and what type. Also, what insurance costs are there and where the money will come from. Other important items to</p>	Camille Vokey will speak with Blair

	<p>be investigated include: the Joint Stock application process, any other legal information we may need, and HRM land use information.</p> <p>Leslie Wilson will arrange a meeting with Norwood Whynot, Chair of the Brookside Homeowners Association to find out as much information as possible regarding the start of our Association. The date, time and location will be posted on the website and mailboxes for anyone interested in attending. Once the Association is formed, future items of concern will be investigated.</p>	Leslie Wilson
Resident Association Vote	<p>A vote was taken regarding the formation of McDonald Lake Residents Association. The vote results were:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">23 in favor 0 against</p>	
Web Site	<p>Peter Douglas volunteered to set up a website for our Association with contacts in our subdivision and meeting information as well as any other items of interest. This will be done right away and the address is: www.summitconferencetools.com/mlra</p>	Peter Douglas
Next Meeting	<p>We will be forming a formal Association as voted. The first Annual General Meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30pm. Location TBA. Positions will be determined and filled at this meeting.</p>	

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