

WoodCreek Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 27, 2022

**Attendees:** Constance Logan, Henry Pinkney, Laura Paulson, Marc Wilkins, Stan Beattie, Peggi Tabor, Hank Murawski, Tor Shwayder

**Guests:** Kelly Kerr, Deborah Thomas, Dave Thomas, Ken Ventura, Adam Greener, Michael Madigan

The meeting opened with a presentation by **Mark Saksewski**, P.E. Mark is a Senior Engineer for the Farmington Hills Dept. of Public works. Constance Logan invited Mark to educate the board on the process involved in determining if speed bumps might be the correct solution to the speeding problem we are having in WoodCreek

The program Mark runs for the city is called the **TRAFFIC SAFE TE 3** program. It is intended to identify and address issues of speeding, cut-through traffic, collisions, pedestrian safety and sight distance in neighborhoods like ours.

The program is divided into three phases that must occur in order:

Phase 1 Problem identification / informal meeting (this is what this meeting was about).

Phase 2 Education and enforcement. This involves posting officers to monitor speed violations, using a portable unmanned trailer equipped with speed detection equipment., distributing a brochure or letter to all residents describing the findings of the data collection. Enforcement: a core group of volunteers chooses areas and times for police to enforce traffic laws in WoodCreek. No one can talk their way out of one of these citations. Traffic laws will be 100% enforced during this specific time frames. It was discussed to use time frames of when WoodCreek elementary classes begin and end and after work hours.

Phase 3. Engineering involves the installation of speed control devices in the roadways. these installations are determined by traffic engineering analysis.

To get the ball rolling on all this volunteers were asked for to serve on the core committee to work with the city on the implementation of all three phases. Volunteers for this project included Constance Logan, Marc Wilkins, and Michael Madigan.

We next discussed the **treasurers report**. The bottom line is that we are seriously short of funds to pay for all the services the WoodCreek Civic Association provides. Erick Ryburg advised us that raising the annual dues to \$200.00 per year would allow us to provide the same services as we have in the past.

**Social Events:** Because of our current budget concerns the winter Fete will not be held this year.

We have not been able to reach Nancy Jennings regarding plans for the Halloween party. Laura P. will continue to try to connect with her. Our last communication with her confirmed a "Trunk and Treat" event in the parking lot of WoodCreek elementary on October 31st. Beyond that we don't know what she has planned.

Adam Greener said the he and the Rossi's will again host the annual Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning at 9am.

Peggi T will contact Rick Astley to get a postcard out to residents announcing both the Halloween event and the Turkey Trot.

**Public Board Meetings** Hank investigated the three best alternatives for continuing to hold public board meetings. The three choices are the Hawk, the FH library, and City Hall. City Hall is the locale of choice because there is no cost associated with meeting there. The Hawk charges \$40.00 per hour and the library is \$20.00 per hour.

As soon as we have a confirmed date for the next meeting we will book City Hall and notify all WoodCreek Residents of the time and local.

**WoodCreek Playback** Henry Pinkney reported that the next Playback will go to the printers in about a week. There was a general round of “thank you’s” to Henry for doing such a good job getting this publication produced.

**Snow and Mowing Report** Mark Wilkins reported that the maintenance of our common cul-de-sacs is being satisfactorily done by Dynamic. However they will not be doing snow plowing.

Marc met with Trevor Duke and Rick Astley to redesign the bidding package for snow plowing. It was sent out to 10 companies. In spite of many calls and efforts by Marc we have received only one quote to date from Todds service and it is the same as last year ie it is by push rather than a flat rate.

Mark suggested that we try turning the plowing of our streets over to the city for one year. That way we wouldn’t have to raise our dues and we could see what kind of job the city does and if our residents are satisfied with it. This would also raise the awareness of our residents regarding the benefits of having and paying for private snow plowing. We could ask for feedback during the winter and we would contact all residents letting them know the situation we are in. By next Spring we would have a pretty good idea if WoodCreekers feel doubling the annual dues is worth it.

The discussion on the topic was mixed. It may go up for a vote of the board at our next meeting.

**Welcome Committee Report** Constance Logan will now be working with Rosemary Baer on the welcome committee. Hank read a report for Rosemary listing the new neighbors she has contacted.

**Dogs in WoodCreek** One of our residents, Alex Hay, has contacted us about the very dangerous situations she has encountered while walking her dog. She reported on 10 incidents where unleashed dogs have accosted her.

The discussion on this situation confirmed that there are laws in Farmington Hills against having unleashed dogs. The primary suggestion was to call the city or 911 when these events occur. Stan Beattie has done this with very timely and satisfactory results.

### **Other topics**

Road Mill and Fill patching has begun

Michael Madigan made the suggestion we look into having a Facebook presence stating that it would give us the opportunity to be much more interactive within the community. No motion was made on the suggestion but it was suggested that if you have a serious hole near you , you call DPW to get on their list.

The date of our next meeting is TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm