

Forest Home Improvement Association Officers Meeting

January 18, 2010

Minutes

Those in attendance: Michael Bend, Bill Arms, Bruce and Doug Brittain, Peter Stein, Jon Miller, Elizabeth Sanders, Beth Kelly. President Michael Bend called the Jan. officers meeting to order at the Chapel around 7:05.

Agenda:

1. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bill Arms reported \$137.00 in checking account; expenses need officers' authorization.

It was agreed to continue gift to Forest Home Chapel for the amount of \$200.00/year; prior to 2005 it was \$50.00/year.

2. Comments about Holiday Party

Everyone agreed the yearly holiday party was a huge success and a much appreciated annual event.

3. Update Traffic Calming (Phases 1 and 2):

Bruce, Doug and Michael met with the engineer from the Town of Ithaca and reviewed plans. They agreed to use #2 crushed stone rather than sand for drainage. Discussions continue with the town, and the State has to review plans. We are waiting to see what funds are available from the State. Summer 2010 is the targeted time for Phase 1 to begin with speed bumps and entrance lamps. Phase 2: connecting walkways: P. Stein mentioned these plans belong to a different department. Regarding pedestrian crossings and their implementation: Jon Miller suggested neighbors get shovels especially for the corner of McIntyre going down to Forest Home Dr. Other motions included requesting a permit to dig out walkways leading to crosswalks, etc.

4. Update on Upstream Bridge Renovation:

Plans were sent to the State and sent back with 11 issues outlined by the State. The State objected to the guard rail and also wants a hydrologic study of the creek. The State mandates this study; Bruce Brittain predicted the cost to be around \$20,000.00.

2011 is the expected date rather than 2010 for this renovation.

5. Street Captains and Directory Update Questionnaire:

Questionnaires were distributed by street captains, and many were returned with dues! Periodic e-mails will be sent out about contractors, etc. for website. Bruce Brittain is a member of Municipal Historians of Tompkins County. Blue forms were submitted when we got historical designation.

5. Investigating Hydropower on Fall Creek:

Jon Miller proposed setting up small power stations along the creek. Feasibility was discussed, including whether or not micropower units customarily designed for tidal motion can be adapted for stream current and what parties have to agree to implement this. Jon will talk to Lanny Joyce. Elizabeth and Jon will talk to people at Cornell.

6. Starting a Friends of Beebe Lake Group:

Elizabeth proposed this. Is this a Forest Home issue or not?

7. Upcoming Events:

Bruce will give a Walking Tour.

Spring Clean-Up

Music Event