

TIMBERLAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING

MINUTES FROM

September 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Chef Laura from the Burr Ridge Park District came to inform members of the Burr Ridge Farmers' Market that takes place at the Village Center on Thursdays from 8 am to 1 pm during the summer.

Tom from the DuPage County Forest Preserve District talked to residents about slowing the spread of Gypsy moths. Gypsy moths were brought here from Europe in the 1860's as a silk production prospect. They first escaped in Medford, Massachusetts and have been spreading ever since. Egg masses of 500-1,000 eggs appear from July thru April. They hatch in Late April. The favorite food of the larvae is oak, although they will eat a number of other tree species. The caterpillars pupate from June to July and adult moths emerge in early July. Female moths are flightless. Our area is inside the quarantine zone. Inspect wood, campers, boats, wheel wells, etc. for egg masses before travelling to non-infested areas. Gypsy moths have a negative impact on the health of people, plants, and the environment wherever they have spread. They spread easily and populations may increase very rapidly. Caterpillars will feed on over 500 species of trees or shrubs. Repeated defoliation of trees by caterpillars decrease the ability of trees to produce and store food which leads to fewer acorns and more berries. Birds are exposed to more predators and property values drop in areas of high infestation. The county surveys for moths. The trap catches provide information about where and how many moths are in the area. It is important to slow the spread of the moths in order to allow predators and diseases to develop and increase and provide natural controls of the moths; to conserve natural resources; and to wait for new technology to develop to allow us to control their numbers and protect the trees. Natural enemies are squirrels, pathogenic bacteria and parasitoids. Possible treatments: None; mass trapping, burlap banding and ground treatment with Sun Oil, Btk or Dimilen; Mating disruption with pheromone flakes; or a combination of the above potions. Btk will only work in late May and early June. Burlap banding works from mid May thru July. Moths are white with a black chevron on their wings. Residents asked about the Emerald Ash Borer: We are in their territory. They started spreading from Detroit. Do not move firewood from this area. There are no controls yet.

Jeff Christianson:

- National Neighbor Night Out had 8 stops in Timberlake.
- Crime has decreased to a few car burglaries taking GPS units and change. Please keep your car doors locked.
- Order address signs and install them so that emergency services can find your home more quickly.
- Safety Saturday is September 27th at the county fairgrounds.
- Sheriff's Department surveys were distributed for anyone interested in filling one out.

Frank Wooster and Andy Anderson from the township roads department:

- Brush pickup starts from the 2nd to the 15th for areas east of Clarendon Hills Road and the 15th to 29th for areas west of CHR.
- Please use string to bundle brush. No wire.

- The chipper can ship branches up to 10" diameter.

Brian Quirke:

- GNEP: ANL & Morris are off the list of possible sites. No sites are being looked at now. The focus is on checking if we should recycle radioactive materials. There will be a meeting in the area to discuss whether to recycle radioactive materials in October or November.
- Super computer: Everything is working out perfectly. The new Theory and Computer Services Building is going up famously.

John Kiern, a candidate for County Board, attended the meeting to check us out.

Kyle Gilgis:

Hanson Bed & Breakfast (aka Essence Suites, Champagne Lodge, or Genc Motel) changed the siding on their tower. He was cited twice and issued a stop work order which he has defied. The Panels and lighting have not been approved. The board is dealing with it but statues must be followed. A letter of intent is needed to prosecute. If he has not answered the letter of intent by September 18, the board will get a temporary restraining order and shut him down. He has a license to sell closed bottles of wine. The tower is shorter than the permit allows. As for the signs in the area pointing the way to the establishment, he bought a billboard package from IDOT that gave him the signs. IDOT installed the signs, not the county or township or a private business.

The second annual Holiday decorating contest will be judged December 1. There will be gas card prizes.

The picnic went well and everyone had a good time. 160 people attended and the association just about broke even. Expenses were \$1,327. Income was \$840. The cost so far has been \$487.14.

The new location for the monthly meeting was well received but we must be out by 9:00pm. The library has been reserved for October. The November meeting will be at the Library but in another room.

Charlotte spoke on behalf of the Timberlake Women's Association. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month. September 17 is a welcome party. Dues are \$20 for 9 months.

Thanks to Sandy Trapp for handling e-mail notices.

See Lara for new neighbor packets.

The Timberlake Website has address sign forms and meeting location postings. Jeff's stuff will be posted. See Doug Jones for suggestions and picnic pictures.

The treasurer's report showed a beginning balance of \$18,967.43 and an ending balance of \$13,629.24. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The minutes were accepted as amended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.