

O.B.F.A. Annual Meeting  
March 26, 2006, 2:30 p.m.  
St. Joe Township Hall

President Ed Redmon called the meeting to order promptly at 2:30 p.m. after determining a quorum was present (48 households represented; minimum of 38 needed).

He introduced Denise Porter-Ross, Neighborhood Coordinator, N.E. Quadrant, City of Ft. Wayne who discussed her mission of helping and making proper connections for neighborhood associations and individual citizens with Ft. Wayne City officials and departments.. She then discussed the following items indicating upcoming changes, which will impact neighborhoods in the City of Ft. Wayne:

- A. Expansion of the intersection of St. Joe Center & St. Joe Roads & the two phase widening of St. Joe Center, first from St. Joe Rd. to Reed Rd. and then from Reed Rd. to Maplecrest Rd. Also mentioned the improvement of the intersection of Lahmeyer and St. Joe Center Rds.,
- B. River Greenway expansion,
- C. Maplecrest Rd. across the Maumee River to Adams Center Rd.,
- D. Collaborative City-County projects when planning future subdivisions and new business locations,
- E. Drainage ditch clean-ups with more city involvement,
- F. Problems involving National Serv-all and solid waste removal,
- G. Improvement of communications between governmental agencies & citizens and organization like neighborhood associations,
- H. Mentioned that her direct line telephone # is **427-2603** and that the Ft. Wayne City web-site is: **<cityoffortwayne.org>**
- I. Mentioned and left brochures with Ed Redmon of classes being conducted by the City of Ft. Wayne for Community Leadership.

The Minutes of last year's, March 6, 2005 meeting were approved as written (copies were available to all attending). Copy attached.

Mr. Redmon and Treasurer, Peg Carmichael presented the Budget Report. Ed reviewed the 2005-2006 items, actual expenditures and that the under-spending was welcomed, but that keeping the budget based on current levels is needed so that the Association can, when the need arises provide funding for projects benefiting the neighborhood. A point in case mentioned was the street lighting at intersections of lights that are attractive and not tall poles with wiring strung between them. Ed referred to our Savings Account Balance of over \$8,000.00. The actual bank balances as of February 28 were: \$822.51 in Checking and \$8,052.46 in Savings.

David Jalkanen was introduced to explain the function of the Concerned Citizen's Watch Program and its implications for our neighborhood. Dave stressed that safety problems should first go through 911, but that reporting the incident(s) to him was equally important so that patterns of situations can be gathered for further contacts with the Police and other governmental agencies. Dave's phone # is **485-7353**. Dave stressed the importance of having yard lights on and how much our street lighting helps keeping crime to a minimum.

Ed then enumerated the items for the proposed budget for March 2006-February 2007. A question arose over possibly reducing the dues and to lower budget figures, but Ed responded with the explanation in the previous paragraph. Someone also asked what income is taken in: Budget expenditures for '05-'06 was \$1,090.25. If all 128 households paid \$15.00, the income for that year would be \$1,920.00; this is not too far out of line with expenditures especially with a mild winter of snow removal. The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

In the President's Report, Ed reported on his monthly meetings with various city officials and agencies. He discussed the street improvements on Seaforth Ln. and Summerwood Ct. and how the cement trucks have lowered the pavement over the Sunbury bridge by 4 inches (according to city engineers). Councilman Don Schmidt has been working with Ed to bring about rebuilding of the bridge and Sunbury Dr. from the bridge to Seaforth.

Next Ed stated, after briefly explaining what had happened to our Not-for-Profit status that possibly in about 60 days the paperwork will be approved and the State Attorney General will sign the documents to re-establish our Incorporation. Ed noted the city's Clean Up day scheduled for May 20 but suggested the Association had no large community-wide projects to undertake.

Ed stated that there would be a newsletter within 30 days and that for those with internet capacity instructions will provide those people with instructions to view future newsletters in that venue. For those without such connections, newsletters will still be sent via the U.S. Postal Service.

It was then reported that Old Brook Farm and Centerhurst have, according to city officials, how the lowest crime rates of all neighborhoods in the city. (See Dave Jalkanen's comments above!)

The house at 6212 Old Brook Dr. situation (abandoned) was discussed and noted that a realtor's "lock" was currently on the front door indicating that some movement to remove this potentially value-damaging property is in the process of being remedied.

Also under Old Business, Marilyn Schneider mentioned the lack of action on her request two years ago to deal more effectively with "code enforcement." President Redmon acknowledged the problem and stated that a scheduled meeting, April 3, 2006 with city and private attorneys will be dealing with this issue.

New Business,

Dave Jalkanen mentioned that there is a current city agency that will deal promptly with graffiti issues if notified of the situation. That agency and phone number will be provided in the upcoming issue of our newsletter.

One kind association member thanked the Board & Officers for their time & effort on behalf of the residents. Unfortunately, her name was not available at the time.

The Annual Garage Sale was set for June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

The following slate of Directors and Officers was presented. Upon hearing no additions to this slate, it was moved and seconded to accept the slate as presented. The motion passed.

**OFFICERS:**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>PHONE</u></b>	<b><u>OFFICE:</u></b>
Ed Redmon	5226 Brookview Dr.	486-1664	President
Duane Kennedy	5246 Brookview Dr.		Vice Pres.
Peggy Carmichael	5423 Granary Lane	485-1972	Treasurer
Bruce Oliver	6326 Sunbury Drive	485-9222	Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Art Carmichael	5423 Granary Lane	485-1972	2005-2007
Tina Orman	6210 Sunbury Drive	486-2233	2005-2007
Susan Kaiser	5407 Brookfarm Place	485-1827	2005-2007
David Jalkanen	5324 Seaforth Lane	485-7353	2005-2007
Jerry Bowman	6334 Old Brook Drive	486-2602	2006-2008
Richard Miers	5441 Brook Farm Place	485-2618	2006-2008
Nancy Moore	5423 Brook Farm Place	485-0402	2006-2008

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Oliver, Secretary