

Meeting of the Little Falls Swim Club Community Liaison Committee

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Present: Behzad Jalali; Susan Hostetler; Kevin Guerrero, Cathy Stocker (board member), Jon Slabaugh (board member) Joe Callicott (board member and board representative to the CLC), Sarah Farnsworth (board member and board representative to the CLC)

The Little Falls Swim Club Community Liaison Committee (LFSC CLC) met to discuss the 2014 Club-sponsored events and discuss proposed Club activities for August. A list of club sponsored activities held since May was provided: 3 home 'A' swim meets; 2 home 'B' swim meets' 2 home dive meets; 2 club picnics; and 2 adult social events. Additionally, the Club showed the World Cup U.S. team play in two of its matches – open to the entire community, not just the club membership. The games were projected on a large screen set up on the front lawn of the Club; no more than 30 people attended both showings and the majority of the participants were club members who were there at the club either at the pool or tennis courts. A movie night was held for the swim and dive team participants. The Board CLC representatives informed the committee that the Club was holding a barbecue on August 23rd which would be followed by a movie on the front lawn for the families of the Club. The board noted that it would look to show a movie that did not run late into the evening.

Additionally, the Board Liaison members were provided key documents and files to copy for the Club's archives including the Club's plat, the Club's landscaping approved plan, the March 2002 Report of the Membership Committee; and the full report from the April 2005 Board of Examiners Hearings. The Board is greatly appreciative to the neighbors who provided the documents and requests that if others have other documents that are related to the Club's operations, membership decisions and studies, and Board of Examiner's hearings that they contact Sarah Farnsworth to either donate them to the Club archives or for her to copy them and return them.

The issues discussed included the impact of the presentations on the big screen on the neighboring homes. The Club board had worked with several neighbors who would possibly be impacted by the World Cup and the movie to ensure that the noise level was not above the level allowed for; it had been sound tested with the neighbors to ensure that it was within the noise limits allowable. The CLC neighborhood participants felt that the Club had kept the noise level at an appropriate level and that the showing of the World Cup and the movie had not been overly onerous. The movie, LEGO, was shown and lasted until 10:00 p.m.

Neighborhood members of the CLC reiterated their concern that the Club's board be wary of 'mission creep' and that the focus purpose of the community club was to provide a resource to the community to swim and play tennis and that it not extend to other activities which would bring a feel of a country club. It was noted that the CLC appreciated the continuous updates from the Club liaisons regarding up-coming events and activities.

Parking on Streets where parking is prohibited if attending the Club: A discussion was held regarding the parking problem which continues to plague the neighbors who abut the club property. The board members said they would remind members of the parking regulations regarding parking on the streets near the Club and address it with the Pool Manager to have a

more rigorous checking of the cars parked on Glen Cove; Baltimore Avenue and Little Falls Drive. It was noted that when the pre-season information is sent out to members, license plate and car make information is requested. If members don't provide that information, there was a question as to the role of the Club to get that information and how it could be done effectively and efficiently if members don't provide it.

Alarm Beeps: A neighbor noted that after hour events held at the Club are not particularly bothersome until everyone leaves at 9:30/10:00 p.m. and then the orchestral sound of numerous and discordant car alarm beeps and buzzers is jarring. It was noted by the board and various options were discussed understanding that people lock their cars for security purposes. It is not clear how we can address this concern but there was understanding and sympathy for the issue by all in attendance.

Trash Removal: The Board was thanked for taking action on the trash pick-up and disposal especially after the crab fest to keep the smell and the rodent activity to a minimum.

Trespassing on Private Property: Members and their guests should not access the Club grounds through private backyards/side yards. The Board was requested to remind members that it is inappropriate to cut through private property to access the Club from Baltimore Avenue. The Board agreed to raise this issue and remind people especially in next year's announcements and updates.

Landscaping: As the meeting drew to an end, a discussion was held regarding landscaping, and the continued effort to build and maintain a natural barrier between the houses which abut the pool property to decrease the impact of the Club's activity noise on those neighbors. Those behind the berm noted that it had had a significant impact on the lowering of the noise and appreciated the Club's efforts to keep it well maintained. There was a brief discussion whether or not to expand the berm further down the alleyway along the parking lot to help mitigate problems of noise and discourage Club members and their guests from using private property as a cut through to the entrance of the Club.