

**Lakemoor Hills Homeowners Association Meeting
Minutes – January 19, 2016**

President Dick Graf opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Minutes (Barbara Houchin) - Minutes from November 17, 2015, general meeting were distributed at the meeting and are posted to our website. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report (Tom Ingram) – Tom reported that the beginning balance for this period was \$5,209.38. With \$275.00 in revenues and \$548.20 in expenses, the current ending balance is \$4,936.18.

Welcoming Committee (Geri Mulligan) – Geri asked if there were any newcomers to the meeting and welcomed Jed McKeehan who introduced himself indicating that he and his wife, Laurie, recently moved to 3511 Bluff Point.

Guest Speakers

Craig Leuthold – Knox County Property Assessor's Office, accompanied by Jim Weaver, Chief Deputy Assessor

Craig Leuthold made a presentation covering general aspects of the Knox County Property Assessor's Office. The Office is a constitutional office for the State with a goal of providing a fair and accurate appraisal of personal and real property. On a four year cycle, the next mass appraisal of properties is scheduled for 2017 through a statistically-driven process that includes a visual inspection of every piece of property across the county. At that time, a new tax rate will be established that is intended to generate the same level of revenue level as the year before. The last tax increase was made in 1999. The assigned property value can be appealed. Steps in an appeal can include an informal discussion with Assessor, County Board of Equalization (meets beginning June 1), State Board of Equalization (must first appeal to county board), and finally Chancery Court. Other services provided by the Office include: records, property maps, greenbelt, exemptions, and tax relief/tax freeze. Technology improvements made include the website (knoxcounty.org) and the ability for property lookup. Mr. Leuthold answered a few questions concerning: vacant lots with restrictions typically valued lower; property sales information obtained from Trustee's Office; Assessor's Office funded through general budget of Knox County; and visual inspection typically is a "drive by" but may involve aerial photos/pictometry.

Roy Braden – Knox County Codes Enforcement Office

Roy Braden discussed the role of the Knox County Codes Enforcement Office indicating that the office primarily operates in response to complaints. He focused the discussion on home occupation, abandoned and inoperable vehicles, dirty lots, and property line disputes. In general, home occupation is permitted assuming ten rules are followed. Inoperable vehicles can be towed after 48 hours if parked on the street or public property and after 30 days (notice is given) if parked on private property. When grass is overgrown by more than 12 inches in a residential area, it violates the dirty lot ordinance. General disputes around fence lines and trees encroaching on a neighbor are encouraged to be resolved through compromise. There are only five officers for Knox County to resolve all types of complaints. Mr. Braden provided the handouts as attached to these minutes providing additional details.

Beautification (Sharon Gerkin) – Sharon applauded everyone for their decorating efforts through the holiday season. She also encouraged everyone to help in keeping trash picked up in the neighborhood.

Old/New Business

Dogwood Festival (Pat Shivers) – Pat announced that there are ten weeks before the Dogwood Festival begins! She encouraged everyone to explore use of solar spotlights on trees (available at Mayo and Stokes). Holston Hills will be the feature trail this year and we expect to be the feature trail in two to three years. She will keep us informed of leaf/debris pickup times which will also be available on dogwoodarts.com. Three families will be participating as open gardens this year (Gerkin, Gillespie, and Cartwright). In preparation for being the featured trail in the future, help is needed for identifying a walking trail, finding sponsor(s), updating narrative history of the neighborhood, and finding a volunteer photographer to take pictures for use online and in pamphlet. Pat indicated that plans are underway for mailbox ribbons and encouraged all to display on mailboxes.

Picnic (Diane DeRopp) – Diane announced the picnic date is May 21, 2016. Please place on a hold on your calendar to attend.

Emergency Response Group (Bob Proctor) – Bob indicated that nine people have volunteered to be part of a team evaluating ways to respond to community/neighbor needs during inclement weather conditions. The first meeting of this group is planned for January 28, 2016, at 7:00 PM at Mike Parker's home located at 3717 Maloney Road.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.