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RADBURN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

Date: February 18, 2009
Time: 7:30pm
Location: Grange Hall

Number in attendance (signed in): 14 (Not a Quorum)

President Art Murray called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the January, 2009 meeting were read by Secretary Larry Koplik and were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report was read by Marshall Chandler. Several dispersed checks are outstanding and have not been deposited and/or cleared. Those holding such checks are urged to please deposit them soon so the books can balance properly.

President's Report was delivered by Art Murray as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Pot Luck Dinner is scheduled for Sunday March 8 ("Daylight Savings Day"). A flyer will go out to the community later this week. Call Julia Enerson, Christine Nunn or Art Murray for information or to sign up.

The Radburn Community thanks Barbara Gremillot for her (4) years of service and delightful Welcoming Teas as chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. Barbara has indicated her willingness to "pass the torch" to a worthy volunteer. This year's Welcoming Tea will be held on Sunday May 17.

The Garage Sale may be rescheduled to Saturday June 6. Chairperson Stephanie Chandler will verify the availability of the date. More information to follow.

Introduction to Shakespeare for Children (Grades 4 thru 8) will be offered by resident thespian Fritz Christianson featuring (5) sessions starting approximately the last week in April and continuing into May. Exact dates to be confirmed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FAMILY DAY COMMITTEE: Bart Spinelli, Committee Chair.

Family Day is on for Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18. The price for the petting zoo and pony ride has risen substantially, however, since the young folks love it, alternate sources will be explored to assure that the best value is obtained.

CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. Ron Coll, Committee Chair.

Topps Remediation:

Regarding the Topps remediation, a clarification was made by Ron that the hydrogen peroxide techniques used at Hayward and Clariant were not those employed at the Topps site. The Topps site only utilized heating elements to coax the pollutants up and out through a scrubber for release to the atmosphere. Test wells monitor remaining pollution levels in the water below.

Ron described a residential pollution remediation and testing process involving the installation of a power venting system in his house, which is designed to divert polluted substances from beneath the foundation to an outside location above the building roof level. After running the venting fans for 30 days, test canisters are placed to monitor the pollution level of the indoor air.

The highest readings for pollution have been measured near the intersection of Ramapo Terrace and Townley Road, nevertheless, some home owners have refused to allow treatment of their homes which have had pollution levels verified high enough that remediation measures are deemed advisable according to government standards.

Craig Miller noted that when the two-day indoor air canister test is performed, air conditioning equipment may not be operated as test results would become inaccurate.

Marshall Chandler noted that two types of tests are performed, as needed:
1) canister tests of air quality inside the house and 2) sub-soil tests under the slab.

The Radburn Cooperative Volunteer Project:

Eva's Village, a non-profit, comprehensive, social service agency in Paterson has been selected as the recipient of items to be collected and donated by the Radburn community. Maureen Moriarty, Mike Roney and Ron Coll plan to bring collected items to the shelter every 2 to 3 weeks or so on a Friday. The drive will work the best if many people participate. The shelter's clients need everything you can think of year 'round, so clean out your closets, basements, etc. and donate your unused items to the good cause. Call Ron Coll at 201-791-6487 to drop off items.

Also, a request was made to bring some extra food items (please only unexpired canned food or other food in original sealed containers) to the Pot Luck Dinner as a donation. These donations of food will be taken to Eva's Village kitchen.

OLD BUSINESS:

In response to a question by Mike Roney, Art Murray will know more about the status of the proposed Landmark contract extension after the upcoming Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting on Monday. Art stated that in any case, there will be an open meeting during which a vote on the BOT decision will be made. That open meeting and the topic or issue to be addressed will be announced in advance. He further stated that there may be two open meetings, a preliminary open meeting for discussion and another open meeting at a later date for a vote by the BOT. June Meyerson said that a preliminary open meeting for discussion would be a good idea. Mike Roney opined that a preliminary open meeting would be useful, but that community perception generally is that the open meetings are mainly a "dog and pony show" and are just for show, to which Art Murray responded that the upcoming open meetings will not be for show. Art

Murray indicated that he could not share the exact topic of the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting; David Bostcok added that at this time the exact topic(s) to be discussed would only be conjecture. Bart Spinelli felt that the separate first meeting would allow time for the BOT to think about any input and/or comments from the residents. Art Murray sought to assure those present that the process of the BOT is "genuine and free" and therefore the extra meeting would be a mistake, even though and in spite of the fact that Don Morris had proposed the extra meeting. June Meyerson indicated that each and every member of the BOT will not be making any snap judgments, but that nevertheless the extra meeting is needed to afford the board members the opportunity to digest the comments and issues that may be raised. Rita Golding believes that the residents should take an initial vote at the open meeting so that the BOT can get a sense of the body prior to the actual vote taken by the BOT. Finally, Art Murray restated his opinion that one open meeting is sufficient, but that he will convey to the BOT the informal consensus of the RCA to conduct two open meetings on the Landmark contract extension issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Noting the unusually small attendance at this RCA meeting, Craig Miller suggested the use of e-mail notification to announce each RCA meeting, perhaps just prior to the meeting, perhaps even the same day, to remind people of the agenda of matters to be discussed. Art Murray thought that the e-mail method might be too cumbersome and limited compared to using the RCA website. He said that the RCA website is important and is his preference for dispersing information to the community.

Craig Miller reported lots of tire marks and ruts in the sod of the R-Park from Ramsey Terrace to Warren Road. This may be caused by activities of the landscaping contractors or by other unidentified activities, thus causing damage to the sod and creating unsightly and muddy conditions. Also, when the landscapers plow the sidewalks and paths, sometimes the result is icy, sometimes sloping, and therefore dangerous, conditions. Perhaps this is due to a lack of or improper salting or sanding in conjunction with the plowing operation.

The next meeting time and place was announced for March 18, 2009 at 7:30pm at Grange Hall.

The meeting was adjourned by Art Murray.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of March, 2009 by,

Laurence ("Larry") Koplik
Radburn Citizens' Association Secretary