

RADBURN CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2005 7:30 – 9:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: 29

- I. **WELCOME:** June Meyerson, CA President called the meeting to order and all stood for the pledge of allegiance.
- II. **MINUTES:** Minutes of November 16, 2005 CA meeting were read by Maureen Moriarty, Secretary. There were no corrections.
- III. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Barbara Gremillot reported the balance was \$3668.18.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. SPORTS AND RECREATION: VP John Radice discussed PG-13 movies for the teenagers and everyone agreed that would be fine. Movies would be every other Friday evening. Martha Paszek suggested that the movies for the younger children should be 6:30 to 8:00 and volunteered to help. John said that approximately 15 teenagers (ages 13-15) play basketball on Friday nights and volunteer supervision is needed for this age group. Mark Wall suggested that June ask the board to hire someone for Friday nights to open the Grange and supervise.

B. LEGAL COMMITTEE: Bob Gulak, Chair, reported that the Radburn Association's position is that PREDFA does not apply to Radburn. Mr. Matule's letter to the DCA and Congressman Rothman was read, and entered into the minutes. Mr. Matule did not give an accurate account of the Citizens' Association's primary and write-in election process.

A question was asked if the DCA does not enforce the guidelines of PREDFA, what else could the citizens do? Bob Gulak mentioned that we could work with our state legislators and that bills are pending that will provide the state with additional provisions to enforce democratic elections in community associations. Bob stated that the Radburn by-laws could be changed by the trustees at any time.

Bob reported on the 12/13/05 budget hearing, and that Mr. Ferro rate's have gone up from the \$200 an hour rate reported to the citizens. They are now anywhere from \$300 to \$475 for anything other than normal business.

Mark Wall asked has anyone determined that the Radburn Association's by-laws are fair and reasonable. Mark also said that a committee was formed 20 years ago to study the Radburn Association by-laws and asked June if she could get a copy of the report.

Eric Peters suggested a petition inquiring whether the citizens want a more democratic government.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

June reported that after the budget hearing on December 13, the trustees voted on the 2005 budget with 5 in favor, 1 opposed (June Meyerson) and 3 absent.

June introduced Bart Spinelli, Vice-President, Lou Moore, Secretary and Barbara Gremillot, Treasurer. June presented outgoing Vice-President, John Radice and Secretary, Maureen Moriarty with plaques of appreciation. Thank you June.

The committee formed to discuss the Malonowski family's situation has not met yet (June Meyerson, Bart Spinelli, Michael Roney and Ros Borodkin.)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Gary Konecky, CPA reported on the 2005 budget. Maureen Moriarty asked June Meyerson and former trustees present if the accountant ever meets with the board, and was told this never happened. Gary raised concerns including long term capital reserve fund, poor internal control, budget deficit and lack of accountability to the citizens. Citizens do not get actual budgets.

Bob Gulak made a motion that a committee be formed to look into a neutral and authoritative survey regarding democracy and report back to the citizens. Eric Peters second the motion. All present in favor.

Volunteers for the committee are June Meyerson, Mark Wall, Michael Roney, Don Borodkin, Eric Peters, May Hayden, Kathy Moore, Martha Paszek, Bob Gulak, and Walter Weiglein.

Committee will meet December 27 at 7:30 at 15 Ballard Place.

Dale Greenberg asked the Legal Committee to find if there is any legal way the homeowners can put their dues in escrow, so the trustees can not use the citizens' money to fight democracy.

Bob Gulak made a motion that the Citizens' Association commend the officers of the wonderful job they've done over the past year.

Motion was made to adjourn.

Respectively submitted by Maureen Moriarty, Secretary, Radburn Citizens' Association

