

TANNER TRAILS

Homeowners Association

Minutes

November 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm motion by Steve Kish seconded by Melissa Bedwell.

Attendance did not meet number for a quorum, meeting will be informational only.

Present: Board members Jerry Rauwolf, Melissa Bedwell, and Steve Kish. HOA Attorney Rick Williams, North Aurora Police Sergeant Travis Foltz, and North Aurora Police Officer Kathryn Puscas, the PACT (Police And Citizens Together) representative for Tanner Trails.

Absent: Holly Marek, our Foster Premier Representative, due to illness.

The meeting opened with Sergeant Foltz and Officer Puscas addressing the resident's questions and concerns in our subdivision.

Speeding-Studies will be conducted using "speed pads" in the next few months throughout the subdivision. Sergeant Foltz stated that 40% of the cars must be traveling at least 10 mph or more over the limit for the area to be recognized as having a speeding problem. Residents asked about a special enforcement detail. The officers stated that with the department being at minimum manning right now, they do not have extra personal to conduct the detail like they did last year with the unmarked car. One resident asked about the trailer that displays the speed of the vehicle going by. Officer Puscas stated the trailer is not working at this time. Another resident asked about a speed limit sign with the driver's speed displayed on it. There is one in the Pine Creek Subdivision on the east side of town. The board stated that the board has no control over the placement of signs in the neighborhood. Sergeant Foltz stated that only the village board can approve and install those types of signs. Sergeant Foltz and Officer Puscas both stated that if residents know of habitual offenders to please contact Officer Puscas with the plate number and their address if you know it. Residents will be kept anonymous unless you would like to sign a legal complaint against the offender. Officer Puscas' contact info will be included at the end of the minutes. **Please do not attempt to address an issue with a fellow resident on your own. This could result in an altercation leading to trouble for all parties involved.** One resident asked about homeowners being able to enforce speed limits if they had radar. The Attorney advised this is not legal and not something the board or residents could do.

Tanner Rd- Residents expressed concern about the safety of the homes and the speed limit along Tanner Rd following a motorcycle accident about a month ago. One resident stated this was the fourth accident in a several year period that occurred in that same spot. Officer Puscas and Sergeant Foltz stated that Tanner Rd is a county road. The

North Aurora Police Department is responsible for patrolling the north side of the road from Deerpath to Western. The south side of the road is patrolled by the Kane County Sheriff's Department. The speed limit and maintenance is all done through the county board. It was recommended that residents contact the county board members that have Tanner Rd in their district to advise them of resident's concerns over safety. Board member Kish stated that he called the county to look into the installation of a guardrail in the area that the accidents keep occurring. The county stated they would look into it but stated it did not seem like a practical solution in the area of the accidents because they are occurring on a straight section road following a curve but not on the curve itself. Installation of a guardrail could create more problems and liability issues due to its location. Contact info for the three Kane County Board members is included at the end of the minutes. Residents also expressed concern with pulling out of the subdivision from Meade onto a 50 mph road with a blind curve to the west. Again it was stated that these were concerns that should be conveyed to the county representatives.

Hunting- Several residents asked about the hunting and the loud gunshots on weekend mornings. The farm land they are hunting on is unincorporated and not bound by Village ordinances.

Web Site- Sergeant Foltz reminded residents to log onto the village's web site for village information and updates on the crimes occurring throughout the village and in our subdivision. There is also contact info for all of the village trustees and the police officers.

The officers did point out that with the police department at minimum manning right now, they only have two patrol officers and a sergeant on duty at one time. By law, they must respond at least two officers to every call for help. This is why we may not see as much patrolling in our area as we would like to see.

Regular business:

The dues notice that residents received late was due to a postage error that has hopefully been resolved. When this occurs, the board waives late fees for anyone that pays within 30 days of receiving the notice. The board understands residents may need time to pay their dues after receiving their notice but this does not mean one would be allowed to pay two months late.

The board would like to remind residents to please not dump on the empty lots in the subdivision. As the growing season comes to an end, it has been noted that some residents are throwing their dead vegetation into the empty lots instead of using the landscape waste bags. Landscape bags are picked up for free during October and November. When dumping occurs, the lot owners are not able to clean their lots with regular mowers and often leave the area dumped in untouched. They all spent money to get their lots excavated; dumping just creates an unsightly situation for everyone.

The board will be addressing the landscaping on the landscape berm along Tanner Rd beginning next spring. One tree will be replaced in early spring where a tree was already removed. The board will then begin removing dead trees and create a long term plan for replacement of those trees and cleaning up the current landscaping.

The Board is currently working on next year's budget. The board stated that there will not be an increase in assessments. The board is working hard to bring the subdivision up to resident's standards and is attempting to do so while staying in budget. The board does not want to put any more of a burden on residents during these economic times. By decreasing the number of mailings we put out, the board was able to save a significant amount of money that went toward the improvement of the wetlands. The wetlands should cost us around \$17,500 to keep all areas maintained had the wetlands been handed over in good condition. Next year we have an extra \$12,000 budgeted to help bring those areas up to where they should be. This will take several years of extra spending to accomplish.

The drainage issue for the path between McDuffee and Berman has been repaired and the part of the path that was damaged will be resealed, weather permitting, soon.

The drainage tile in the farm field behind Moutray is currently being repaired. This repair was delayed until the farmer harvested his crop from the site of the repair.

The Village is currently planting the trees they removed in the parking areas of the subdivision.

One resident asked about signs being placed at Meade and Tanner. Residents are asked to call the village to report any signs placed on the corner or in the parking area of lawns. This is a village ordinance and is enforced by the code enforcement division of the village.

Melissa Bedwell's board position will be up for election next meeting. Melissa will not be running again. Anyone interested in running should turn in a nomination application to Holly Marek at Foster Premier. We need a quorum of 66 homes represented at the meeting or by proxy. Both the nomination forms and proxy forms are available at the Tanner Trails web site under *election documents*.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

The Board is looking for someone to take over the Tanner Trails web site. Our resident currently doing it has become busy with other commitments and would like to hand it over to someone that would like to take it over. Let the board know via email if you are interested.

Reminder: There is a Facebook Group for Tanner Trails. This is a great place to keep up with things going on in the subdivision. It is an informal group that is not governed or even run by the board. It is just a good place to get and leave information other residents may be interested in sharing and knowing.

A resident asked that we pass on information regarding the cancelation of the free tribune papers they throw in our driveways every so often. If you would like to stop the delivery of these papers to stop, you can contact: Kyle Leonard

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Upcoming Village Board meetings will be Mondays November 7th, 21st and December 5th. The November meetings are being held at the North Aurora Police Department at Airport Rd and Rt 31. The December meeting is scheduled to be back at the newly remodeled Village Hall.

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Web sites of interest:

Tanner Trails HOA – www.tannertrailshoa.org

Village of North Aurora – www.vil.north-aurora.il.us

Kane County Government – www.countyofkane.org

Blackberry Township – www.blackberrytwp.com

North Aurora Fire Protection Dist. – www.nafd.org

North Aurora Police Dept. – www.vil.north-aurora.il.us/police