

Cranberry Township HOA Neighborhood Forum Minutes

MONDAY, June 13, 2011 – 6:30 PM

Members Present:

Duane McKee - Assistant Twp. Mgr., Operations
Rosemarie Warren – Freedom Woods
Mary Sanguigni – Freedom Woods
Ann Reale – Hampshire Woods
Gracie Bobetich - Stonefield & Farmview
Mike Berman – Spring Meadows
Chris Matthews – Glenbrook Manor
Jan Stevens, Cranberry East

Moderator Chris Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Introductions were made and members were asked to sign-in and make any corrections to their contact information.

Discussion Topics

Slow Down Campaign:

Duane McKee provided information on the “Slow Down Campaign” The Keep Kids Alive Drive 25 provides plenty of program information but the information is trademarked. The signs are expensive and we are looking to reduce the scope to a more manageable budget. The scope will most likely be contained to the 9 or 10 HOA’s that have responded to the emailed sent on 5/26/11. Several signs will be attached to the speed limit signs by the Township other campaign type signs will be provided to the HOA’s for placement. The program was slated for the first week of school in the fall.

The Forum recommended that the Campaign be held for a week in July or sooner. Duane will see what can be done to move time line up. Anticipate going Public on June 30th at the BOS meeting.

The Forum offered support in the planning efforts. Duane indicated the Communications Department should be able to handle the planning efforts. Duane is hoping that the signs can be purchased through donations.

Monthly Billing:

Duane reviewed the proposed monthly billing program for the Sewer, Water and Trash bills. Lower monthly bills, efficient meter reading routes, early leak detection and fewer torn offs. This was a number one comment by customers paying their bills at the CSR desk. New billing cycle will begin in September. Estimated and actual consumptions will alternate by every other month.

CTCC Community Sign:

Duane introduced the sign being managed by CTCC. Nonprofit and civic groups who are members of the CTCC can apply for messages on the CTCC website in July. To become a member check out <http://www.ctccchest.org/cd11/saturday.asp> for more information on Community Days scheduled for July 7, 8 and 9.

Recycle the Good Times:

The Township will lend temporary recycling racks for special events such as graduations, weddings and picnics. Call Customer Service or visit <http://www.cranberrytownship.org/index.aspx?NID=1629> for more information.

Cranberry Cup Update:

Chris Matthews spoke for the Cranberry Cup. The 2011 Cranberry CUP will take place during the weekend of August 5th, 6th and 7th. Registration is now OPEN! Visit <http://www.cranberrycup.org/> for more information.

Development Information:

Duane reviewed the following Developments

Just Opened

1. Merle Norman Cosmetics - Streets of Cranberry
2. Plato's Closet - Cranberry Commons
3. Pino Gelato Cafe - Oak Tree Place

Opening Soon

1. AT & T - formerly Krispy Kreme Donut. This will be a retail store.
2. Candlewood Suites - Oak Tree Place

Under Review

1. Cranberry Crossroads, this is located on Route 228. The old KOA campground site. The development will build the Townships official map road to connect Mars Road with Route 228.
2. Virginia Manor, located north on Route 19. A small retail development.

The Forum questioned when Aldi's will be built. Duane indicated the Developer has all permits and approvals. It is up to the Developer to start the project.

The Forum asked if LA Fitness was moving into Kuhn's grocery store. This appears to be just a rumor, there is no application on record for LA Fitness.

To check out the developments under construction, click the following link:

<http://www.cranberrytownship.org/index.aspx?NID=611>

Open Discussion:

Rose Mary Warren mentioned there was an issue with the paving in front of the parking area on Monmouth Drive in Freedom Woods. Duane will ask Public Works to check it out.

Traffic Signal timing, several issues were discussed:

1. Ann Reale mentioned that lunch time traffic on Freedom Road is not coordinated very well
2. Chris Matthews mention that the left turn onto NB I79 is not actuating.
3. Mary Sanguini mentioned that the wait on the side streets is longer but the green band on Freedom Road is better.

Road conditions:

Mike Berman offered a thank you for paving McElroy Road. And that Mars Road needs potholes patched. Duane indicted that Mars road is scheduled for a maintenance project this season.

HOA Management Companies:

Angela Rankin reviewed her new business venture with a HOA Management Company. "Cranberry Property Management Company", a full service proactive management company. Insured and bonded to perform all aspects of HOA management. She has relationships with legal counsel and CPA's.

Farmer Market:

Rumor is there will be two farmers markets in Cranberry this summer. One in the municipal center/fire hall parking lots and a second in the Streets of Cranberry. This has been confirmed. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-7, June 14 thru October. <http://www.thestreetsofcranberry.com/>. Cranberry's farmers markets will be held every Friday afternoon from 3:30-6:00pm until October 28 in the Municipal Center rear parking lot, and every Saturday morning from 10am- 1pm until October 29 in the parking lot of the Fire Station on Route 19. For more information, call Aaron at 724-752-8920 or Cranberry Customer Service at 724-776-4806

The Learning Express:

A member asked if the establishment was being relocated. No information could be found on new locations, and the existing location phone lines are out of business.

The land clearing taking place in Jackson Township across from Route 528 is a warehouse/business park being developed by Buncher Development.

The moderator asked for a round table. No new discussion developed. Mike Berman made a motion to adjourn and Anne Reale seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

The next meeting will be **Monday, September 12, 2011 @ 6:30 PM, Rm. 203**. The Moderator will be Ann Reale, Hampshire Woods HOA.