

Meadowlands Neighborhood Meeting 5/2/2014

- The meeting was organized by Paul K. and the Meadowlands Advisory Group. It was held at the brush pile, and began at 7:00 p.m. 30 adults were in attendance representing 20 units in the neighborhood.
- Paul noted that there are 128 (correction 131) defined properties in the Meadowland subdivision. There are 94 (correction 117, 94 houses had announcement delivery) properties that either have houses, or are not owned by the developer.
- A list of covenants established by Stephen Shuman (developer, and currently the sole member of the POA), as well as other helpful information about the development can be found at the following website: <http://www.meadowlands-morgantown-wv.info/>
- Brad W. gave a report of calls placed to 911 regarding events in the neighborhood over the last year. Result are as follows: 1 traffic stop, 1 breaking and entering, 1 traffic accident, 15 home security alarms, and 10 patrols of the area. There were 22 total accidents reported on Tyrone Rd.
- Brad also let those in attendance know that if any resident has a planned vacation or period of time in which they will not be home, they may call the local police to request a "house watch." This is a service provided at no cost to the homeowner.
- Those who would like to join the Meadowlands Neighborhood Facebook page can email meadowlands.wv@gmail.com.
- The members of the Meadowlands Advisory Group (MAG) introduced themselves. Carolina Aguilera (Meadowland Dr.), JoAnne Fairbanks (Sylvan Dr.), Glen Jackson and Jenn Lee (Sylvan Cir.), Susan Chipley (Lemley St.), Paul Kritschgau (Darrah Ave.), Bob Zeller (Laurel Ct.), Brad Wright and Elaine Sampson (Maple Ct.). Dwight Blass (Darrah Ave.) and Terri Yoho (Darrah Ct.) were not present.
- Members of the advisory group are working on collecting directory information from neighbors (names, house number, phone number and email). This information is to be used as emergency contact info.
- A community yard sale is being planned for a date in June. There is a poll on the neighborhood FB page where members can choose the date that will be best for them.
- JoAnne F. is collecting funds for a "remembrance tree" to be planted near the intersection of Meadowland and Sylvan Dr. This tree will be planted in memory of residents who have passed away, including our most recent loss, Stephen Webber. Mr. Webber was a very active member in our community and will be greatly missed by all.
- Glen J. has been working to make a safer bus stop for our children. He has done research to find out legal requirements in WV for bus stop safety. The current bus stop location does not meet the state legal requirements. Glen has been communicating with Jeff Meadows, the transportation director for Monongalia County Schools. Bus routes cannot be modified during the school year, but

officials will begin working on next year's routes on June 1st. He will keep us updated on any progress and further communication with county school officials.

- Vehicle speed within the neighborhood is a topic that many neighbors are concerned about. A majority of neighbors in attendance at the meeting would like to see one speed limit sign (posted on Meadowland Dr.) to remind drivers that they are in a residential area and need to be aware of their speed.
- Snow removal was discussed, and most of the neighbors are happy with the service that was provided by Harner Construction over the past winter. Stephen Shuman currently pays for all snow removal in the neighborhood.
- Garbage collection is provided by Republic Services. There was a period in January-February when garbage was only collected two times in a six-week period. Several residents called the Public Service Commission to voice complaints. Collection has not been an issue since then.
- Permission from Stephen Shuman has been granted to use the common area on Sylvan Dr. as a place to dump yard waste for disposal. It will be burned regularly. Grass and leaves are to go in the pile on the right side of the area. Branches and such are to go on the pile in between the grass pile and the hill. Residents are asked not to dispose of arsenic-treated or pressure-treated lumber or any wood/lumber that has been painted.
- This winter's harsh weather has worsened the road conditions throughout the development. Paul K. has inventoried the potholes that need to be repaired. He has come up approximately 65. Paul has taken it upon himself to repair the potholes in the past, but would greatly appreciate any monetary donations to buy asphalt. It is \$13 for each 50 lb. bag. Sweat equity is also helpful! (addition) Donation account balance is checking \$135.00, savings \$48.06, new donation \$50.00. The estimated road patch is \$1500.00 with \$500.00 for Malpe Ct crater.
- Bob Z. put together the survey discussion points that were delivered to neighbors prior to this meeting. Many neighbors are concerned about the deterioration of our roads, as well as the appearance of the entrance to our neighborhood. This survey was developed as a way to find out what **all** residents would like to see happen in the future, as it seems the developer is not interested in maintaining roads and infrastructure at the level that many people expect in such a development.
- Options for the future of our development are:
 - 1) Leave things as they are, with Stephen Shuman being the sole member of the POA.
 - 2) Try to work **with** Shuman, but take over road repair. There is no legal obligation for neighbors to contribute monetarily. A group of residents may be elected to represent the voice of the community and meet with Mr. Shuman to discuss issues/ideas.
 - 3) Take over POA to legitimately (and legally) collect money from residents.
 - 4) Become an entity of Monongalia County. This would make road maintenance the responsibility of the county. Work such as road widening and guardrails would need to be done prior to the county accepting us as an entity. This would likely come at the cost of property owners.

- Bob Z. noted that if the third option the existing covenants could be modified to suit the needs/wants of the residents. We would not be bound to operating under the original covenants as set forth by Stephen Shuman.
- Two years ago, estimates for road repairs were obtained by Paul K. Darrah Ct. and Maple Ct. are the areas in need of significant repairs. Estimates for those two streets totaled \$26,000. A new topcoat throughout the development was estimated at \$100-150,000. There is nothing in writing as far as Stephen Shuman's responsibility for road maintenance in the development.
- Planning for the next neighborhood meeting is underway. It is projected to take place in early to mid-June.

Items to be made available after the meeting

- snow plow report
- survey collection through May 11, results to follow
- next meeting date