

Carpentersville Improvement Committee

Minutes of 10/22/08 meeting

Roll Call

Pat Schultz, Karen Sutter, Bonnie Lipprandt, Linda Ramirez-Sliwinski, Adam Ruiz, Kay Teeter, and Cindy McCammack (non-voting)

Approval of September 24, 2008 regular meeting minutes

Adam motioned, Pat 2nd, all were in favor of approval

T-shirts

A sample t-shirt was prepared and shown at the meeting.

T-Shirts are \$5.50, but this did not include lettering on the back.

Shirts will have "Carpentersville Cares" on the front.

Shirts were white with red lettering.

"Improvement Committee" will be printed on the back

Pat to inquire about the shirts being a neon color with black lettering

Kay motioned to accept T-shirts as discussed, Linda 2nd, all were in favor

Feral Cats

Pat has come across a property while assisting an elderly person with her yard that is host to several feral cats. The resident has left her garage doors open for shelter for feral cats.

Pat called several shelters and was able to get assistance from a feral cat rescue group that operates a **T**rap, **N**euter and **R**elease (TNR) program.

They were able to assist in trapping some of the cats and will need to return to the property to trap the rest of the cats.

This resident also requested assistance to get her garage cleaned out. If a dumpster is provided, the procedure is to lien the property for any direct expense to the village.

Pat is going to see what Kane County might have to offer since this is a health risk to the resident.

Volunteer rules

Pat went over the rules. A suggestion was to require wearing a CIC t-shirt while doing volunteer work. Volunteers should not wear something that has wording or advertisement that would/could be offensive. Cindy will type up the rules; send them out for review for approval at the next meeting.

Sub-committees

Forming a sub-committee for Paint-A-Thon was brought up. These committee members would coordinate supplies, food, and volunteers. No action was taken.

Review of Property Maintenance Code

Cindy passed out copy a copy of the approved local amendments to the International Code Council's (ICC) Property Maintenance Code. In particular, outside storage was discussed.

Other Business

Cindy handed out an opinion memo from Village Attorney Jim Rhodes regarding:
Liens on properties that the CIC improves – This cannot be done
Putting "Carpentersville Cares" signs in yards of abandoned house where the CIC has made improvements – This cannot be done.

(Cindy later checked and these or similar signs cannot be placed in any residentially zoned area with or without the consent of the property owner. To do so is a violation of the Zoning Ordinance)

All CIC members read, filled out, and signed the volunteer form and hold harmless agreement. These records will be maintained by Cindy at Village Hall.

Besinger Properties offered to send a crew out with a truck to give some of the lawns that CIC cut one last mowing cut before the winter.

Some seniors thru the Senior Center have indicated they need yard assistance. Does CIC want to do drive-way shoveling assistance in the winter? Everyone thought it was a good idea, but the issue would be if volunteers would be able to get out of own driveways and danger if having to drive in a snow storm. No action was taken.

Adjournment

Karen motioned, Linda 2nd, all were in favor

Next Meeting – November 19, 2008 (Special date due to Thanksgiving Holiday)