

# REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

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## ANNUAL MEETING

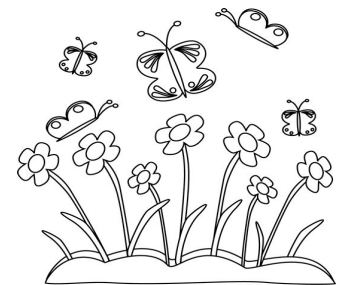
The Annual Meeting of the Spruce Hill Farms Property Owner's Association was held at the pool pavilion on Saturday, June 6th, 2015.

The minutes were not available from last year's meeting. A member made a motion that this year's minutes be made available on the Association website within 30 days; motion was accepted. Later in the meeting the June 2014 newsletter was accepted as last year's minutes; 2 members did not agree. Reports were made by the various committee heads, which will be explained further.

Three board member positions were up for election, John DeLisa, Eileen O'Toole, and Leslie Bates. Nominations were requested from the floor. One nomination was made for Gina Silance. Ballots were handed out and a vote occurred. John, Leslie, and Gina were elected to a 3-year term.

### BOARD MEMBERS AND ELECTED OFFICERS FOR 2015-16

President: Susan Gebase  
Co-Vice President: John DeLisa, Legal  
Co-Vice President: Richard Bubb, Insurance  
Recreation/Pool: Mike Aleksich  
Newsletter/Corresponding Secretary: Leslie Bates  
Roads: Grover Cleveland  
Civic Liaison & Recording Secretary: Gloria Brady  
Treasurer: Bert D'Ambrosio  
Member-At-Large: Gina Silance  
Non-Board Member Appointments:  
Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper: Wendy Robinson  
Pool Manager: Chelsea Aleksich



## FINANCIALS

The Financial Secretary, Wendy Robinson gave her report with an overview of our expenses. We were within budget even though the budget report shows some deficits. Deficits were because some items were planned before the budget was complete. As of March 2015, there is \$30,204.87 in the bank. Our budget for this year is \$48,725. She stated the budget this year is lower than last year. We are currently waiting for dues from 21 homeowners/lots.

## ROADS

The Roads Chairman, Grover Cleveland, presented the roads report. Last year we put down chip and tar on Pine Tree, Spruce, and Birch. These roads seemed to make it through the winter well so we plan to chip and tar more roads. This year we plan to chip and tar the entire length of Big Oak and the turns plus 50 feet at Hemlock and Cedar. We will fog coat the roads that already have chip and tar on them. Signs will be posted when this work is occurring, sometime towards the end of June. Going forward, as long as there are no other issues, the plan is to chip and tar Maple and Hemlock next year and the following

year to do Cedar and the very end of Birch. Cedar is last because some of the drainage pipes need to be replaced before the work can be done. This winter the roads were kept in pretty good shape; many thanks to Tom Stitt for keeping the roads clear.

## **POOL**

The pool report was presented by Rich Bubb in the absence of Mike Aleksich. The pool was open by the pool company and there were no major issues. The pool will be officially open for member use June 13<sup>th</sup> for the weekend only and daily starting June 20<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. The hours will be 12-7 PM. Lifeguards have been hired and we will be paying them the same way we did last year. Lifeguards will be paid hourly at a certain rate and at the end of the season there will be a bonus as long as the lifeguards came to work during the season. The bonus is an incentive to have the lifeguards show up when they are suppose to. Don't forget, there is a Facebook page under Spruce Hill Farms Pool. It will let people know whether or not the pool is open. If you have any suggestions, opinions, etc. in regards to the pool, you can submit those to the Facebook page.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Gypsy Moths: A contractor came into our community and did a survey for gypsy moths. We received a quote of about \$11,000 (~\$48/acre) to spray the community. The contractor stated we had some heavy infested areas on Big Oak but not much anywhere else, so it was decided not to spray. Monroe County was contacted in regards to the gypsy moths and it was stated that Barrett Township voted against participating in spraying. They also stated spraying is \$27/acre. The Monroe County contact who is responsible for coordinating the spraying is Christine Fritz. Ms. Fritz stated there was a meeting coming up with PA DCNR to discuss the gypsy moth situation and what to do next year. It was stated we are at peak for the gypsy moths and we should start to see a decline. Tallman Arial Spraying conducts the spraying in our area but they will not deal directly with the public, they will deal directly with the County or a contractor.

A member was offended that sign at entrance of community for annual meeting stated "all **must** attend". It was discussed how to correct. A new sign would cost more money and that is not a feasible solution. A motion was made to tape over the must but the motion was declined since this may look unsightly.

A member asked why members cannot have "For Sale" signs. It is stated in the Rules and Regulations.

Association Website: We are in the process of getting some information from the previous webmaster and then we will have the new webmast update and maintain the website on a monthly basis. Susan Gebase and Gina Silance will be managing the website. The website for our Association is for all community members. If there is something you want to see on the website or a message you would like posted, contact our webmaster at [webmaster@sprucehillfarms.org](mailto:webmaster@sprucehillfarms.org).

In addition to this, if you don't let the board know about any suggestions, comments, problems, and/or changes you may have in regards to our community, we can't do anything about it. If you let us know, we will do the best we can to act upon it. Please contact us if would like to help out or get involved. We could always use assistance from time to time, especially if you have a skill that may help out the board carry out our various duties.

**NEXT ANNUAL MEETING**  
**JUNE 4, 2016 @ 11 AM**  
**TO BE HELD AT THE SHF POOL PAVILION**

