

**Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Membership Meeting
Minutes**

**February 3, 2011– 7:30 PM (Snow Date)
(Originally Scheduled for January 27, 2011)**

Introduction

The October general membership meeting was held at the Ravensworth Elementary School. Marty Robinson called the meeting to order. The October 28, 2010 general membership minutes were approved.

Old Business

Corresponding Secretary

Kevin Joyce was announced as the RFCA's new Corresponding Secretary. He introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background.

Hay Ride

The hayride scheduled for February 5, 2011, will be canceled due to rain forecast for that day. It was agreed that it was too late to send an e-blast on Friday, February 4th as it takes up to 48 hrs. to be received. Suggested new dates are 2/19/11, 4-6 pm; 3/5/11 4-6 pm; or 3/12/11 4-6 pm. The membership thought the 3/12/11 date would be the best of the three.

Holiday Display Awards

Ginger Rogers announced and presented gift award to the winner present. Winners were The Decatur Family, 5235 Queensberry Ave.; The Schupp Family, 7918 Gosport Lane; The Ford Family, 7912 Foote Lane; and The Stepanovich/Petkovich Family, 5421 Inverchapel Rd.

Activities Coordinator

Ellen Eggerton advised that the association is looking for an Activities Coordinator to act as a liaison between community event planners and the board to avoid schedule conflicts and other matters that may impact board planning. An ad will be placed in *The Farmer* seeking a volunteer.

Budget Update

Marty Robinson reviewed the proposed v. actual budget through 2/3/11. Copies were made available to the membership.

Committee Updates

No committee updates were presented.

New Business

E-Blast Policy

Ellen Eggerton reviewed the e-blast policy. Items are to be approved by board members and are those which are time sensitive, such as a death or funeral notice, or the loss of a

pet. The cost of each e-blast is about \$7. The membership voted and agreed with the policy. Members can sign up for the e-blast on the lower right corner of the Ravensworth web site home page.

Commuter Parking

Marty mentioned that he had spoken with a resident on Bullock who complained that Ravensworth residents are parking on Bullock to be closer to the Metro bus stop. The resident wanted a sign similar to that posted on Adair that states there is No Parking from 8AM - 10AM. Someone mentioned that the problem also exists on Queensberry and Inverchapel off of Braddock. The membership suggested that the residents of Bullock work directly with the county to arrange for a sign similar to that on Adair. The membership also agreed that the map of the Wakefield commuter lot be re-published in *The Farmer*.

Plans for the Ravensworth Shopping Center

Ellen reviewed her conversation with the owner regarding the future plans for Ravensworth Shopping Center. Those plans include:

- Demolition of Safeway, the hair salon, 7-11, and deli to increase the square footage for another grocery store (possibly) to open sometime in 2016.
- The historical aspect of the shopping center will be incorporated into its design.
- Both banks have closed and the owner would like to bring in another one, but most banks want footage that fronts Braddock Road. This would require reconfiguring the entire shopping center.
- The old post office site has been rented, but the owner is unable to reveal additional details at this time.
- Any renovations to the center will require special zoning hearings and the owner hopes that our community will support him during this process.
- The community may want to the approach the owner about putting in safer walking/biking paths from the community to the center.

Neighborhood Improvement

Ellen discussed the availability of purchasing tree seedlings through the county for about \$2.00 per tree. The trees would then be made available to the community, for free. She suggested that the association could purchase redbuds, dogwoods, or pines. She suggested that if there is a tree a member would like to e-mail her.

Yard Sale

Susan Eggleston will pick the date.

Community Clean-Up

Jim Hickey is the chair. Clean-up day will be in March.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.