



Prestbury News

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May Meeting Minutes

President Al Kent called the May 10, 2011 meeting to order at 6:30 PM and announced the presence of a quorum. Directors present were: Cheryl Bolland, Laura Fulton, Marge Roe, Cyndi Miller, Marlene Deck and Megan Plain. Gary Bannister was not in attendance. Manager Mary Seego and resident Cliff Sisko were also in attendance.

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented with one addition to New Business, election of the new Vice President. The motion carried.

A motion to approve the April 12, 2011 minutes was made by Laura Fulton and Megan Plain. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS - No Report

TREASURERS REPORT – No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT – No Report

MANAGEMENT REPORT - The financial report for April 30, 2011 was provided to the Board as well as the delinquency report.

There were three house-closing sales that occurred in April.

Mary will be meeting with maintenance and on-site manager to review scope of work/costs to assist with budgeting for 2012.

Kane County Sheriff's security reports were submitted for April.

PCA On-Site Manager Report - The tennis court gate code has been changed. Contact the PCA

office for the current code. Residents must present the 4 digit identification number from your Prestbury picture ID card.

The pool will open for the season on Saturday, May 28, 2011 Memorial Day weekend. Residents must present their Prestbury picture identification card to enter. Residents who have not received a pool ID pass or children who have reached the age of 5 this pool season, please visit the PCA office during the hours of 9:00am – 2:00pm Monday Thru Friday.

Assessment payments are not accepted at the PCA office.

Dogs and cats must be contained on the owner's premises or on a leash in other areas. Residents walking pets on public streets or in common areas must clean up after their pets immediately and shall provide appropriate equipment for doing so (e.g., plastic bag and/or shovel). Pets are to be kept off private property, including empty lots.

No livestock (including poultry), horses, or more than two each of dogs or cats four months of age or older shall be kept or maintained on any lot or in any dwelling unit.

Yard waste pick-up began April 6, 2011. Yard waste bags must be used. Brush and tree trimmings must be bundled and securely tied with twine or string not to exceed 4 feet in length, 2 feet in diameter and 50-pounds in weight. Individual branches contained in a bundle shall not exceed 4 inches in diameter. Neither garbage nor waste pick-up can be placed on curbs prior to 5:00 pm on the evening preceding pick-up.

If you need a replacement recycle bin, contact the PCA office.

Report all street light outages to the PCA office.

Boat registration must be completed by June 1, 2011. The fee is \$10.00. June 2nd to July 1st, the fee is \$25.00. After July 15, if not registered, the boats will disappear.

As always, updates and or useful information can be found on the Prestbury website. www.prestbury.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Architectural Standards – The following applications were received and approved in April, 2011:

Alex Greenwood 65 Briargate Circle
New 48" Wrought Iron Fence and Three Tree Plantings.

Meadowridge HOA Meadowridge Commons
Turf grass, Flowers and Raised Beds in Parcel D, Common Area

Respectfully submitted, Cynthia Miller

Clubhouse & Office Building – Per the Rules and Regulations, a children's party, for participants are under the age of 21, it is required to have prior approval of the Board of Directors before the Cheshire Club can be reserved. When reserving the clubhouse online the procedure has been updated so information about the event can be completed. Please inform Nicki that your event is a children's party so approval can be obtained in a timely fashion.

Respectfully Submitted, Laura Judd Fulton

Long Range Planning – No Report

Maintenance –

Landscaping: Cornerstone Partners Horticultural Services Company is taking care of our landscaping needs in Prestbury this year. If you have any concerns, such as; common areas that are not mowed or weeds that are present after they have been here, please contact Nicki at the PCA office and she will pass along the message.

Lakes: This is our second season with the trapper. Krittter Getters has trapped at least 13 muskrats in Lake Blackberry and now has moved the traps to Lake Prestbury. Once again this year, I need your eyes to spot muskrats. If you see any, please

contact Nicki at the PCA office so she can inform the trapper.

I am aware we have some compressors not operating at this time. I am in the process of investigating other options that we have used in the past because of cost. I will get these compressors operating as soon as possible as the weather is starting to get warm (finally). More to report at the next meeting.

You will notice that ILM has just began to enlarge the naturalized area of the wetlands by Lake Prestbury Overflow. That area is very difficult to mow because it is wet most of the time.

Wild Goose Chase, Inc. depregated 24 goose eggs on the island.

Respectfully Submitted, Marge Roe

Biowales: As reported last month, a grant was written for Sugar Grove Township for \$10,000. The grant was not awarded. However, Greg Huggins, Road Supervisor, is going forward with the project in hopes the grant can be re-submitted. The ultimate goal is to create bioswales on Hanks Road from Merrill New Road to the point where the water passes under the road at the eastern end of Hanks Park.

Prestbury is expected to make an in-kind contribution by assisting with the planting. Sandy Andry, Beautification Chair, will coordinate the Prestbury residents who would like to contribute a couple hours to the project.. Since only two ditches will be planted initially, the job should take a short period of time, with our help. Watch the website for updates or contact Sandy at; sandy@sandyandry.com

Streets: Streets receiving work this year are Ashwood Court, Birchwood Court, the parking areas in Bury Court, Walnut Circle east between 36 and 17, the Cul-de-sac at 131 , and the cul-de-sac across from 21 Walnut Circle. Other work includes a concrete gutter and swale on Windwood Court, and a handicap ramp at 12 Heaton Court.

Curb repairs will occur on Briar Gate Circle and Cul-de-sac, 200 LF; Saddlewood Court, 20 LF; Blackberry Court, 20 LF; Blackberry Court, 20 LF; and Walnut Circle near North Buckingham, 70 LF.

Crack sealing and seal coating will take place on Green Hills Court, Ralph Judd Court, North Buckingham and Walnut Circle North and West.

Residents on the specific streets will be notified in advance.

Common Project: The revised project start date is scheduled for August 1.

A meeting was held with Greg Martin, Martin Design; Dean MacMorris, Nightlight; John Caruso, Christopher B Burke Engineering, LTD; and Juin-Guang Lin, Ridgeline Consulting to determine the lighting needs for all the parking lots. A new plan has been drawn up.

Tennis Court: The Courts opened on April 15. The number for the lock has been changed. Call the office for the new number. Everyone requesting a number must be registered with a Prestbury identification card.

A meeting was called with Fred Lobb, Vice President, M-C Sport Systems, Inc. and Onsite Manager Nicki to discuss the increasing number of pockmarks on the floor of the tennis court. Mr. Lobb stated this was due to soft stone in the asphalt mix. The stone powders under the paint coating, causing it to rise and subsequently break open leaving small indentations. He has experienced the same condition in many other courts. The process takes about five to six years before all of the soft stone is broken down. At the end of the period, M-C Sport Systems, Inc. will re-color the courts without charge. The coloring will fill in the pockmarks and the courts will be as good as new. A letter to this end is on file at the office.

Respectfully Submitted by, Allen Kent

Pool – As this is written we are waiting for the weather to cooperate so that we can paint our pools. Painting itself takes two days, but we have to have five days of dry weather before the painting can begin. We also, once the pools have been painted, have to allow time for the paint to cure and dry before the pools can be filled with water. It is certainly our intention to try to open the pools on Memorial Day weekend. If this has to be delayed, please watch the Prestbury website where we will post updates as the time grows nearer.

Security - Cars have been broken into this past month in Prestbury and in neighboring communities. Some of these cars were left

unlocked. Please remember to lock your cars and to park in your driveways whenever possible. If you notice suspicious activity call 911 and make a report.

Respectfully Submitted by, Marlene Deck

Youth - The Youth Committee hosted our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Winthrop New Park. Eighty children and their families were signed up for the event. Due to rain on Good Friday, we gathered on Saturday in the full sun. Nine hundred eggs were discovered across the park along with some special gold and silver eggs. Lucky finders picked from a spring basket of prizes.

Our next special events will be our summer season Fishing Derby and our Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Please check your mailboxes for special flyers and information. We are also planning a Family Fun Night at the pool.

Respectfully Submitted by, Megan Plain

Adult - Mah Jongg

Beginning Mah Jongg will be starting on Monday & Wednesday afternoons at 1 pm at the office building. Come and learn how to play an old Chinese game. Come join the fun!
Questions call Laura Fulton 466-7442

Web – No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rules on Children's Parties at Cheshire Club. The rules will stay the same as written.

Signs at Prestbury Entrance at Bliss and Hankes Roads - After much discussion regarding the removal of the sign at Bliss an Hankes Roads – it was decided to leave the sign on the southeast corner to identify the Prestbury Community. The wildflowers will be removed from both corners and the area kept mowed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Road Construction Contract – The contract for the road repairs in Prestbury for 2011 was discussed. A motion was made by Marge Roe and seconded by Laura Fulton to approve the contract. The

contract has already been reviewed by our attorney. Motion carried and the contact approved.

The Five-year Road Repair Plan - The Five-year Plan for road repairs was reviewed and discussed. The Plan will serve as a recommendation for future use but can be modified as the condition of the roads change. A motion was made by Marge Roe and seconded by Laura Fulton to approve the document. Motion carried.

No Parking signs on Winthrop New Road - The issue of people parking on both sides of Winthrop New and the blind spot this creates was discussed. It was suggested that no parking signs be installed on the east side of the street from Hankes Road to Ralph Judd Court and on the west side to Buckingham Drive. Since Sugar Grove Township owns the street, they would make the final decision. After further discussion, the Board decided to request The Township put up signs only on the east side of the street. AI will contract Gregg Huggins.

Several bids were secured regarding the painting of the entrance signs. A proposal was received from JP Decorating in Aurora for \$390.00. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Marge Roe and seconded by Laura Fulton and motion carried.

Lake Blackberry Shoreline at 12 Windwood Drive – AI and Marge reviewed the situation. Erosion is happening due to the muskrats. Several options were discussed and proposals will be secured.

Emergency Overflow for Lake Prestbury – The overflow flood relief for Lake Prestbury located between 15 and 16 Cedargate Circle was discussed. It was decided to investigate the options and costs and to inform Turtle Cove of the findings.

Blackberie Hill drainage into the Common Area was discussed. Other options will be investigated.

Marlene Deck was nominated for Vice President and elected by an unanimous vote. Congratulations Marlene!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm to the Executive Session. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:20pm a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

The next meeting of the Prestbury Citizens Association will be June 14, 2011 at 6:30pm in the Office Building.

Respectfully Submitted, Cheryl Bolland

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Cheshire Clubhouse Rules of Useful Information update, Effective April 13, 2011:

Rental deposit increase- to \$150.00. Please make two individual checks payable to PCA, one for the \$100.00 user fee and one for the security deposit of \$150.00.

Smoking is prohibited in the clubhouse. Please follow the Illinois Department of Public Health Smoke – Free Illinois Act 95-0017. Please make sure guests dispose of smoking materials properly. Smoking receptacles are located in front of the Cheshire Clubhouse between the Clubhouse and the Office building. The second receptacle is located in the rear of the Clubhouse

Loading and un-loading- Please do not drive or park vehicles on the paver walk-ways.

2011 POOL SEASON:

We have a change since our pool information was sent out with the April newsletter. We have implemented a Guest Pass card that we would like Prestbury residents to use when bringing guests to the pool. Each household will have four free passes entered on the card, and when those passes are used, residents can refill their Guest Card by contacting Nicki in the PCA office who will collect money (\$5.00 per guest use) for however many guest uses you would like added to your card. You can add two or ten – there is no minimum or maximum number of guest uses that can be on your card. Remember that this does NOT apply to family members, who are free. This only applies to guests. We are hoping that having the Guest Card will help our residents so that they won't need to bring money to the pool.

Guest cards can be obtained by calling Nicki in the PCA office at 630-466-1576. She will print your card and arrange to get the card to you.

Simple Tips for Cleaner Lakes

Whether you live in the city or the country... whether your home is large or small... whether you have a lot of time and money to invest in your yard or just a little—there is something you can do to help improve the quality of your local lake. The following suggestions are ways that you can make contribution to clean lakes and a healthy environment.

Around your home...

- ◆ Use lawn and garden chemicals carefully and sparingly. Utilize manual, mechanical, and biological pest control methods first before chemical pesticides.
- ◆ Many Illinois soils already contain sufficient quantities of phosphorus to support healthy lawns. Contact your County Extension Service agent for information on how to conduct a soil test of your lawn. If no additional phosphorus is needed, purchase only low or no-phosphorus fertilizer blends. The middle number on the fertilizer bag indicates the phosphorus content ("10-3-10" means the blend contains 10% nitrogen, 3% phosphorus, and 10% potash). Never apply more phosphorus than your lawn needs—your lawn won't grow any better, but the algae and weeds in your lake will!
- ◆ Choose appropriate types of turfgrass and groundcovers for your site's soil, sunlight, and water conditions to minimize maintenance and fertilizer and pesticide use.
- ◆ Keep your mowing height high. Set your mower blade at 3 inches to provide a "taller" lawn that holds water better, requires less irrigation, and helps shade out weeds.
- ◆ Mow often enough to leave grass clippings on the lawn, and use a mulching mower if possible. Grass clippings actually promote healthy lawns by recycling nitrogen nutrients back to the grass—for free! Alternatively, use clippings as a mulch or compost them with leaves.
- ◆ On waterfront property, grow a "buffer strip" of dense, native vegetation along the shoreline to filter pollutants, stabilize the shore edge, and provide important wildlife habitat.
- ◆ Seed bare soil and cover it with mulch as soon as possible to minimize erosion. For major construction projects and room additions, disturb no more ground than needed.
- ◆ Never burn yard waste along the lakeshore. The ashes are quite high in nutrients and are easily washed into the lake.
- ◆ Use yard waste on-site as mulch or compost, or dispose of it properly off-site. Don't dump yard wastes along a lake or tributary stream.
- ◆ Keep fallen leaves out of the ditch or street gutter.
- ◆ Clean up pet wastes to prevent nutrients and bacteria from washing into the lake.
- ◆ On icy pavement, use sand or chip the ice off when possible. If using salt, apply it sparingly.

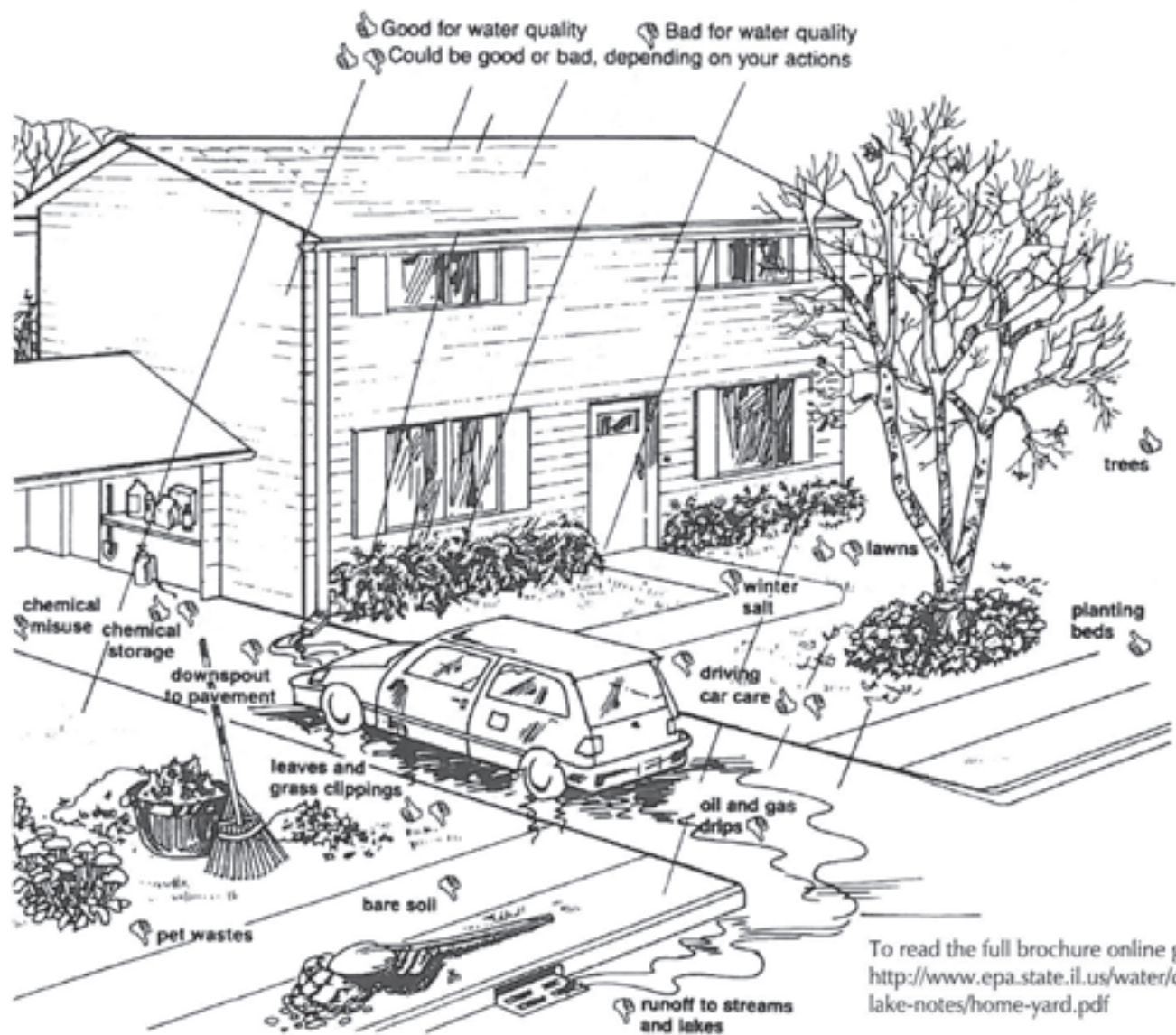


- ◆ Direct roof downspouts away from driveways and foundations and toward your lawn or planting beds where the water can soak into the soil. Use a splash block directly below your downspouts to help prevent soil erosion. If erosion still occurs, attach some flexible, perforated plastic tubing to the downspout to diffuse the water flow.

- ◆ Wash cars with a no-phosphate detergent on the lawn so soapy water can't quickly drain toward the storm sewer and into your lake.
- ◆ When it's time to drain your pool, let the water sit a few days without chlorine before draining. This can prevent localized chlorine contamination of your lake and other surface waters.
- ◆ If you have a septic system, inspect it annually and have it pumped out regularly—at a minimum every two to three years. Conserve water, and use water saving plumbing fixtures to maximize the septic system's efficiency.
- ◆ Limit your overall use of toxic or hazardous products. Keep them away from drainage ditches, storm sewers, streams, and lakes.
- ◆ Check for drips under your car and repair leaks immediately to keep oils off pavement. When you can, walk, bike, or take public transportation.
- ◆ Properly dispose of (or better yet recycle) used motor oil and other automotive products.
- ◆ Check underground fuel storage tanks for leaks. Can you smell fuel oil or gas? Can you see oil on the ground or the lake surface?

Home Hot Spots for Water Quality

Around every home are areas and activities that affect lake water quality. This illustration shows some of them. Take a look around your home with an eye on lake water quality.



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