

Sunflower Gardens Homeowners Association Newsletter

February 2017

CCR Committee making progress

After the 2016 Sunflower Gardens HOA annual meeting, then-SGHOA President Tim Callahan assigned an ad hoc committee to review the Bylaws and Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CCR) documents to determine how questions raised at the annual meeting might be answered. The committee consists of Don Westerhaus (chair), Terry Fink, Bill Holdeman, Bill Mankins and Leonard Kelley.

Three meetings have occurred thus far, with a fourth scheduled for February 8 to which all homeowners are invited. Discussions have covered questions as to what changes the committee should recommend, either in content or wording, that should be made within the CCR document itself, and which of the issues raised might be better handled in a less formal but still documented. A working group within the committee has been formulating a reference document covering current practices within SGHOA, decisions rendered by previous Boards of Directors, and suggestions for future “best practices” not currently in force.

The committee’s goal is to have a formal report ready for presentation at the next SGHOA Board of Directors’ meeting. In the meantime, the CCR committee has been keeping minutes of its meetings; those are available on the SGHOA website: <http://sunflowergardenshoa.com/index.shtml>.

SGHOA Board of Directors Meeting

The first quarter 2017 meeting of your SGHOA Board of Directors is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., February 21, at the home of Anita and Don Westerhaus, 1437 W. Countryside Lane. As always, all homeowners are welcome to attend any and all SGHOA meetings.

Presently, in addition to selection of Board officers for 2017 and other usual agenda items such review of the budget, three discussion items are also on the agenda that may be of interest. One is a report by the ad hoc CCR committee as mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Second, a new mowing contractor for the coming season, and third, a discussion of whether and how SGHOA might want to address recent news that the City of Bloomington is planning installation of a city-wide fiber optic cable system that could substantially improve internet and other telecommunications services in Bloomington, including for us in Sunflower Gardens.

Keeping Your Neighborhood Safe (Continued)



Following the successful implementation of a neighborhood watch program in the Sunflower Gardens community, the SGHOA board has applied to the City of Bloomington to have the neighborhood declared a “no solicitation” zone. The initiative was approved at the annual homeowners meeting in October.

The designation means that under Bloomington Municipal Code 4.16, persons or organizations required to obtain a solicitation license from the city are prohibited from operating in areas posted “no solicitation.” The board is obtaining a sign with this designation which will be located on the same post as our neighborhood watch sign at the entrance off Countryside Lane.

Certain groups are not covered by the ordinance, these include: representatives of political parties and/or candidates; representatives of established religious organizations; persons conducting opinion surveys; representatives of charitable and civic organizations; and commercial vendors with pre-existing commitments to deliver food products, newspapers, packages, etc.

Any violations should be reported immediately to Jamar Property Management.

Sunflower Gardens Annual Picnic



The 2016 Sunflower Gardens Block Party picnic was held on Sunday, September 11th, at the home of Susan and Charles Weir. The weather was ideal and a good time was had by all.



SGHOA Website



Sunflower Gardens subdivision is located on the southwest side of Ellettsville, Indiana. A quiet, friendly community, it's just a couple of minutes from Interstate 69 and convenient to west side shopping. Sunflower Gardens is a residential community of single-family homes consisting of 21 double, shared-wall structures and 3 free-standing units for a total of 45 homes. Each property is individually owned and there are no common areas.

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Stay current on happenings in Sunflower Gardens with the SGHOA website. The URL is <http://sunflowergardenshoa.com/index.shtml>.

If you have any suggestions, corrections, or additions for the webpage, please send them to Tim Callahan at tim.calla@gmail.com.

Updates

Streetlights have now been installed at Sunflower Drive and other intersections with Countryside Drive. It's expected that smaller lights will be installed within the Sunflower Gardens neighborhood.

AT&T contractors will soon begin putting in fiber optic cables along Sunflower Drive and Petal Court. No information has yet been received about connections.

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