

Lower Medway Valley Ratepayers Inc.

Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: July 29, 2010
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 PM
Location: 26 Abbey Rise

Attendees:

Shelley Kopp
Sandy Levin
Heather Pilkington
Tom Schmidt
Jeff Vanderzwet
Helen Heller
Linda Foerster

Regrets:

Cherie Lind Fry
Harriet Loyer
Judith Nesbitt

- 1) Introduction and welcome of new board member: Helen Heller
- 2) Review of Ratepayers' History for new member's benefit.
- 3) Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) – Sherwood Forest, Orchard Park, University Heights

The Executive's main concern is what the property will be used for if the school is closed. Sandy has spoken with city staff in the recreation department. The city isn't interested in the Sherwood Forest School property as they feel our area is well served by the recreation facilities on the west side of Wonderland Road.

Heather suggested getting ARC members to vote against any proposals that don't guarantee maintaining the green space. This way no other schools are threatened, but the green space would remain.

Tom suggested that perhaps having all children in the neighbourhood go to Orchard Park is a good idea. He felt that this would create a viable school that would provide a better educational experience for all involved.

The Sherwood Forest School structure is reported to be in good shape.

Heather asked what if the school board only sells the building and keeps the land as parkland? Tom brought up who would be responsible for upkeep and liability costs for

that parkland. Sandy felt that the land would probably be the most valuable part of the sale.

- ⇒ We will extend an invitation to the ARC committee members to meet with our executive to discuss post-closure options
- ⇒ Tom will contact NorWest Optimists to identify who to talk to about potential support for keeping the green space at Sherwood Forest School
- ⇒ flyer will be drafted, printed and delivered by members before August 23rd deadline for final ARC participation. The flyer will include information about All Candidates Meeting and the response we received to our invitation to meet with our trustees.
- ⇒ We will try to actively market the site to other similar educational institutions

4) All Candidates Meeting

Sometime last week of September 2010 or first week of October 2010 (set for

October 6th at Sherwood Forest Public School gym

Will be registered as an official meeting with city hall

We will rent the gym at Sherwood Forest (Sandy will fax request)

Both school boards trustee candidates will be invited

Councilors will be invited

➔Sandy will check with city & school for date that works

5) Meeting adjourned 9:00 PM