

**Buckingham Lake Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday October 12, 2015**

The Steering Committee convened at 7:15 with the following members in attendance:

- Dan Sleasman 31 Buckingham Drive Albany NY 12208
- Rachel McEneny 40 Euclid Avenue Albany NY
- Shannon Lavigne 92 Buckingham Drive Albany NY 12208
- Pete Sheehan 32 Buckingham Drive Albany NY 12208
- Margie Sheehan 32 Buckingham Drive Albany NY 12208
- Jeanette Maikels 174 Holmes Dale Albany NY 12208
- Felton McLaughlin Lenox Avenue Albany NY 12208

1. Introductions were made.
2. The existing neighborhood association (Buckingham Pond Crestwood) situation was discussed. The new neighborhood association will be an alternative choice for residents.
3. The name of the new neighborhood association was discussed and it was agreed the best name is "Buckingham Lake Neighborhood Association" (BLNA).
4. A discussion on the structure options for BLNA took place. The options are
 1. Charitable Organization
 2. Not For Profit Incorporated Organization
 3. Tax-Exempt Organization.
 4. It was agreed the structure should be Charitable Organization as there will not be sufficient revenue to warrant NFP status considering the additional work it will take to achieve that status. The only potential concern is BLNA Board of Directors liability issues which will be researched.
5. It was agreed that the boundaries of BLNA will be East of Route 85, South of Western Avenue, West of S. Manning Blvd., North of Krumkill Rd/New Scotland Avenue as highlighted on the draft by-laws.
6. A discussion on the issues BLNA will potentially deal with and write into its by-laws took place. It was agreed that BLNA will address traffic safety, public safety, code enforcement, and zoning in a non-partisan way in an effort to enhance the quality of life within the BLNA neighborhood. In addition BLNA will act as a communication vehicle between the City of Albany and the residents in the neighborhood.
7. A discussion on membership in BLNA took place. It was agreed that any resident 18 years of older residing within the BLNA boundary are eligible for membership. The annual membership fee will be \$5.
8. It was agreed that once established, membership in CANA is a short term goal.
9. It was agreed that semi-annual meetings will take place in January and June on either a Monday or Tuesday night. The first meeting will be in January 2016 date, time and location TBD.
10. It was agreed that the BLNA should have seven (7) Board of Director members.
11. It was agreed that more volunteers are needed to help spread the word about BLNA in order to achieve a successful launch. Margie Sheehan volunteered to manage a website. A flyer will need to be distributed to the neighborhood announcing the first meeting

Dan Sleasman
October 23, 2015