

Jim Younack

Brief biography (150 words)

I was born in Piscataway, New Jersey on October 21, 1968. My parents have a home located on Lake Wallenpaupack, so I have been coming up to the Pocono's all my life. I married my wife, Cindy in May of 1994. The summer of 1996, we had a house built in Emerald Lakes. We moved here full time in October, 1996. I work for a local propane company, for which I drive a propane delivery truck. In the fall of 2009, my wife and I became foster parents to a 7 year old boy, for whom we plan on adopting when the opportunity presents itself.

Why do you want become a Board member?

I want to make a difference in the community by bringing a younger persons perspective to the board. The current board members need a fresh perspective to see things from "*outside the box*". We can't and shouldn't be living in the past. The "*back then we did this*" needs to be replaced with "*this is today, what can we do*"

The community needs to realize that we have a lot of families moving here that have kids. We need to provide activities for **all** residents of Emerald Lakes.

What experiences have you had in Emerald Lakes support and governance?

I don't have much experience in supporting Emerald Lakes except to pay my dues. When I moved up here I had to work 6 days a week, 7-9 hours a day to try and support my family. I tried to keep up with ongoing happenings but was unable to attend meetings like I would like to.

What contributions have you made to the Emerald Lakes Community?

What particular contribution(s) do you think you can make, if elected?

I am level headed, I will never let this development live above our means. Yes, it is nice to have all the fancy things in life. If we can't afford it, then we don't need it. I will try to work with the present board to improve the level and efficiency of how our money is spent.

What event or change were you directly instrumental in bringing about in your life experience that you are most proud of? Briefly describe the role you played in this event.

My wife and I are the foster parents to a 7 year old boy, who had been in 7 homes (including ours) in his life. We decided to bring this child here to Emerald Lakes because of the opportunities that would be available to him and the love that we and the community could give him.

What is the most pressing problem facing Emerald Lakes today? What contribution would you make to solve this problem?

The most pressing problem facing us today is the lack of funds. We are constantly looking for ways to cut programs to fund other ones. We need these different programs so that all members feel a part of this community.

We need to balance the way the money is spent here. We need to ask ourselves “**Do we really need this?**” If we can live without it or it cannot sustain itself, then it needs to be eliminated.

What long range goals do you have for Emerald Lakes, and how would you assist in accomplishing them?

We need to return the reserve fund back to normal operating levels; this can be accomplished by tightening our belts and eliminating wasteful spending.

We need to assure all the residents, whether they live here full time or part time have a say in how the board acts. This is accomplished by utilizing the absentee ballot system.

We need to make certain that the community comes first. This is accomplished by looking at Emerald Lakes and making every effort to make it a quality development that we all can be proud of.

What would you like to say in support of your candidacy? (150 words or less)

I would like to have your support in this year’s election. We face many uphill battles but with the right people in place we can make Emerald Lakes someplace that families now and in the future will be proud to call home.

