

GPICA BOARD MEETING  
04-14-21 1PM

Present: Helen Fox (Chair), Mike Sweeney, Debbie Memoli, Claudia Bringe, Nadine Slimak, Noel Andress, Shari Perkins

**1. Treasurer's Report**

- The Board agreed to roll over our CD on April 22 and to renew it in six months when the interest rate may be higher.
- Mike has filed our taxes for 2020, and will send Helen the name of the payee for Board insurance (\$820) for 2021.
- Mike has organized the finances on QuikBooks. He will ask two people to work on the financial review as required in the GPICA Bylaws. Claudia will ask a third person to be on that committee, which will present their report to the Board. We will record that report and play it at the following General Meeting.

**2. New Board Member**

- The Board unanimously agreed to ask Deborah Swisher-Hicks to join the Board.

**3. Duties of Board Members**

- Helen proposed and all agreed that all Board members are responsible from coming to all General Meetings and Board Meetings (unless the Board votes to allow them extenuating circumstances), and to volunteer for some job such as speaking at County Commission meetings, organizing membership events, being a liaison or representative with other groups, etc.

**4. Bike Path Committees**

- There are two committees; Mike will serve on the committee at the state level (the path that is proposed to go from the 4 way stop to Burnt Store Rd). Debbie will serve on the Lee County Board (that reviews all the bike path projects in Lee County). She will send her resume to Noel who will take it to the County Commission.

**5. Speaker for May meeting**

- Pam Keyes, Director of Lee County Utilities, has agreed to speak about the county-wide septic and sewer plans. Helen will communicate with her by email.

**6. Septic Study**

- Lee County recently approved a \$100,000 sewer study for Captiva Island. The study looks at the problem areas including failing package plants (i.e. subdivisions that have small plants that function like sewer systems) and does a cost estimate.
- Noel will use Captiva's proposal as a template and write a proposal for GPI.
- Nadine will get data and graphs from the CHNEP speaker last month and Noel will use these to bolster the proposal.
- If we are successful in getting the study done, we will be ahead of others who are petitioning the state to pay for the upgrade.

**7. D&D Easement**

- Noel will monitor the agenda of the Board of County Commissioners to see when the easement question comes up. Helen will attend and speak at that meeting, hopefully with others from the Board and from the general membership. Nadine will put an announcement on the website calling for volunteers when we know the date. The

Board agreed to stick to the issues that people care most about: safety, traffic, water and fire department access, etc. and leave the legal issues to others.

**8. Bocilla Island Marina**

- The new owner will close on the property in 60 days. He plans to pursue the original development idea: high-end condos, a hotel, an upgraded restaurant, and parking for residents and visitors. This will most likely solve the traffic problems on Main St.

**9. Tropical Point**

- Mike will work with Scott to take the last two water samples from Tropical Point in August and September when rainfall creates the biggest problem with fecal contamination. Mike will drive the samples to their destination for testing. The results can be used to add to the argument that Noel will make to the County about doing a sewer study.

**10. Traffic issues**

- Nadine will write a letter to Lee County Director of Transportation, Randy Cerchie, outlining the GPICA's opinion of which issues to address and in what order. The Board decided the following: #1) Matlacha congestion; #2) 4-Way Stop congestion; #3) Pineland Road repair and safety upgrades

**11. Meeting over the Summer**

The Board agreed to continue to meet monthly over zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Helen Fox