

Greater Pine Island Civic Association

Board Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022

Board Members Present: Helen Fox, Nadine Slimak, Debbie Memoli, Mike Sweeney, Shari Perkins, Deborah Swisher-Hicks, Connie D'Alessio, Cindy Bear

Due to social distancing needs, the meeting was held on Zoom.

December Minutes

The minutes were approved as read. Mike Sweeney moved to approve and Connie D'Alessio 2nd.

Treasury Report

Checking: September \$3,807.48; Money Market: \$16,761.44; Certificate of Deposit: \$76,347.61. December money in: \$195.14 for membership dues. No money out.

GPICA State registration is due May 1st, 2022. Board of Director and Officer insurance was paid in March of last year.

Road Clean up

Connie D'Alessio reported that St James Boat Club is a member of the Adopt-A-Road program. They clean up 1 to 2 miles of Stringfellow Rd. 5-6 times a year. Lee County supplies all gear: bags, vests, pickup sticks, etc. According to the county, members need to do 5-6 clean-ups per year. There are only two stretches left: Sandpiper to Turtle Trail in SJC and Capri-Hibiscus in Bokeelia.

Apparently, some Adopt-A-Road groups don't do their clean-up (or forget) and there's no follow-up.

The GPICA agreed to join the program, and to ask for volunteers besides our Board members (Mike, Nadine, Connie, Helen, Deb S-H, ? volunteered).

Shari asked to get this item on next General meeting agenda. Connie D' Alessio agreed to coordinate our involvement in the program and Mike Sweeney will help.

GPICA February meeting will be held over Zoom.

Debbie Memoli will not stand for election to the Board in February 2022 because of family and other responsibilities. She hopes to return when these commitments ease. Helen asked for a volunteer to be the new secretary/note-taker.

Public Information Sessions

Nadine Slimack wrote a letter to Dave Loveland, Dir. Lee County Community Development, asking that the GPICA be the primary venue when a Public Meeting is requested. She also asked if we would be able to hold public information meetings over Zoom. She will make sure the County has the correct GPICA email addresses, as their last request was sent to a former president.

Requests for Variances

Stokes Marine: We will try to put a request from Stokes Marine on our March general meeting agenda. The Pine Island Professional Center has asked for three deviations. A Public Hearing (not a public information meeting) has been set for 1/26/2022 at 9:00am. Noel will check to see what the requested deviations are, and Shari Perkins will attend the meeting.

The Ragged Ass is asking to change from Beer and Wine to liquor license.

The Blue Dog restaurant is asking for alcohol within 500' of a house. (QUESTION: Are these requests for public hearings?)

Meetings during COVID

Helen and Nadine will look into holding GPICA meetings either inside or outside and on weekends.

Election update

GPICA elections may be put off for a month or held over zoom. After the election, Helen will appoint Cindy Bear and Connie D'Alessio to two-year terms.

Old Development Order Committee update

Deb Swisher Hicks sent a link to all board members on how to open the old orders. Cindy Bear has offered to work with the group.

Palmetto Berry Harvest

Nadine has not yet written a letter to Jessie Lavender, asking for an update on the results of his study of the for-profit harvest of palmetto berries on the Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve. Cindy Bear has agreed to draft a letter for Nadine to polish.

Septic to Sewer

Noel suggest that Nadine call a meeting of the Septic to Sewer Committee because Pine Island is not on the BMAP (designated locations of high priority for septic conversion) as of now.

Meeting Adjourned:

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Memoli and Helen Fox