

Greater Pine Island Civic Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
August 24,2021

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

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

Present: Board President Helen Fox, Treasurer Mike Sweeney, Deborah Memoli, Shari Perkins, Deborah Swisher Hicks, President Emeritus Noel Andress,

1. Minutes

Motion to approve by Mike Sweeney, seconded by Shari Perkins

Motion approved to accept Minutes of July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

1. GPICA Bylaws

Members discussed proposed changes that were brought to the Board by the Bylaws Committee. After additions and corrections, the new draft of the Bylaws was approved. If no other changes are suggested, the draft will go to the general membership for discussion and approval.

2. Review and set agenda for upcoming Sept 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting:

The April public information session regarding the proposed new kayak launch in SJC had technical difficulties with Zoom. The GCIPA requested TDM Civil Engineering to reschedule the meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 6:30pm. However, due to the high transmission of the Delta variant, the Board decided that we cannot hold the public meeting in person as requested. Therefore, we are asking the presenters if the meeting can be held either Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.

3. October General Meeting Agenda

Randy Cerchie, head of Lee County Transportation, will talk about ideas for traffic mitigation on GPI. We'll also be asking for a vote from the membership on the revised bylaws if the Board has come to agreement on the changes at that time. We should discuss having this meeting over zoom unless we see a precipitous drop in COVID cases in Lee County by that time.

4. Illegal Harvesting of Saw Palmetto Berries

Noel informed the Board that Lee County Parks and Recreation Director Jessie Lavender signed a contract with a private vendor to pick and sell Saw Palmetto berries from the Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve to a vendor in Immokalee. Shari Perkins moved and Deborah Swisher-Hicks seconded a motion for Noel Andress, Nadine Slimak and Helen Fox to speak about this issue on our behalf to the appropriate authorities. The motion was approved.

5. Shared Use Pathway

Mike Sweeney shared that the next Shared Use Pathway (Bike Path) meeting will be in October. A date has not yet been set.

6. Finances

Treasurer Mike Sweeney reported that when Jeff Waller went over the Board's finances he found an over-payment of 150.00 from BJM Consulting. They will be sending a refund check.

7. The next Board Meeting is set for Sept 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm over Zoom.
8. Helen motioned to adjourn Meeting, Deborah seconded. No-one opposed.

Deborah Memoli  
Secretary