

GREATER PINE ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2022

Zoom Attendees: Mike Sweeney, Helen Fox, Cindy Bear, Nadine Slimak, Deb Swisher-Hicks, Cindy Bear, Connie D'Alessio

1. Minutes of April Board meeting / Treasurer Report

Reviewed and Accepted April Minutes

Motion to accept 1st Cindy Bear, 2nd Shari Perkins

Treasury Report \$ 16,761.99 money market, \$ 3,785.90 checking, \$ 76,366.65 CD (due to rollover Oct), April/May money in \$338.02, April/May money out \$ 825.74 for DNO insurance

Reviewed and Accepted April Treasurer Report

Mike Sweeney advised that Jeff Waller has not yet reviewed the GPICA books

Motion to accept Nadine Slimak, 2nd Shari Perkins

2. Membership Drive

176 total active members (14 new members / 7 renewing members)

Approx. \$300 new/renewed membership from the May general membership meeting

Connie Dalessio advised that the welcome letters for March & April new residents are in progress with the help of Mike, Deb and Shari

Nadine Slimak - Renewal reminders April/May will be sent w/o May 15th

3. Appointments of Board Leadership positions

Board reviewed the Bylaws and re-appointed the following positions

President = Helen Fox

Vice President = Nadine Slimak

Secretary = Nadine Slimak (general minutes) & Connie D'Alessio (board minutes)

Treasurer = Mike Sweeney

Motion to accept 1st Shari Perkins, 2nd Nadine Slimak

4. Board Communication Process Review

Letter writing and other forms of communications from GPICA were discussed

5. Elk's Club

Discussion of the Elks club location

6. Committee Reports:

Development Committee (Deb Swisher)

Connie D'Alessio reported that the committee recently discovered that all of the land behind Publix up to Genesee Pkwy is owned by the same company. This property borders the parcels owned by Tranquility Bay project on the opposite side on Genesee Pkwy. The committee is still researching any open DPs.

Cindy Bear reported on the meeting with Bill Spikowski, who helped to educate several of the board members about the development process and places and ways in which the GPICA/Members can weigh in on future developments. Also discussed possibilities concerning the sunseting of development orders that are not really in active status. Bill has offered to work with GPICA on future development issues/concerns.

Septic to Sewer & Water Quality (Nadine Slimak)

No updates, awaiting county study

Publix/Self Storage (Nadine Slimak)

Nadine Slimak is drafting the letter with the results of the public meeting to be sent to the County.

Adopt-A-Road (Connie D'Alessio)

Mike Sweeney reported on the April activity and advised the next cleanup will be **Thursday May 26th at 9am**. Shari Perkins suggested adding the Adopt-A-Road activity to the general meeting agenda to get membership

involved now that the activity is working as planned. **Connie D'Alessio** will contact the County Rep to get more supplies as we only currently have 10 safety vests and 15 pick up sticks.

7. Publix Lighting (Cindy Bear)

Cindy Bear reported that Publix has been very responsive to the letter from GPICA requesting dimming of the lights for wildlife protection. The original letter went to Omar Singh, store manager. Since then Cindy Bear has been working with Alicia Leahey from the Publix Real Estate Dept at Lakeland Corporate office. Alicia is currently working with the engineers to review the development code to change the lighting to the east of the store. Cindy advised all lighting is a problem and was told that because the facility has a 24/7 ATM security lighting is required. Discussions are continuing.

8. June and July Speakers

The Fire Chief has been moved to our July 12th meeting due to his availability. Nadine will confirm the date with him. Discussion of possibilities for our June 7th meeting included Mike Parsons of FGCU Water School or James Evans of SCCF.

Cindy Bear volunteered to contact Mike Parsons 1st and James Evans if Mike isn't available.

9. Other business

- Shari Perkins shared the water report from Noel Andress with the board members that did not receive it.
- Shari Perkins advised the board of the St James City Post Office construction and its destruction of a tortoise burrow. The sheriff was called to the scene but was unable to assist, as they were told that the permit was signed off by DEP.

NEXT MEETINGS

June Meetings

General Membership June 7
GPICA Board June 15

July Meetings

General Membership July 12
GPICA Board July 20

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion 1st Nadine Slimak, 2nd Mike Sweeney