

PLACID LAKES HOME AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TOWN HALL
Monday, May 18, 2009 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Meeting called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by President Sam Bliss.

President Sam Bliss introduced the board members present.

President, Sam Bliss; Vice President, Diane Yeager,; Secretary, Pam Brewer; Treasurer, Lee Witt; Seldon Bailey, Richard Koderhandt, Barbara Mason, Susie Lee, Anita Martinec, John Plunkett (absent), and Richard DiStefano (absent).

President Bliss asked Commissioner Don Bates to lead the Invocation

Diane Yeager led the Pledge of Allegiance

The President asked the Secretary for a determination of a Quorum of the Board. The Secretary announced a Quorum present.

The minutes of the previous Membership Meeting was provided to all attending. Anita moved to accept the minutes. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

1. Presentations

The President introduced County Commissioner Don Bates.

Commissioner Bates gave an update on the county activities. Currently, they are working on the budget. County Administrator Michael Wright is asking for budgets with cuts of 5%, 10%, and 15%. There are no layoffs planned at this time. All revenue is down and the county cannot deficit spend.

The asphalt plant is in production three days a week. The county is now recycling glass. The plant also is using the methane from the landfill. Alternatives for the Sheriff's facilities are being explored. The George Blvd. sheriff building will not happen. They are looking at other options.

The Veteran's Service Building will be dedicated June 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Impact fees may be suspended for one year. But it will take an ordinance change and two public hearings before it could be finalized.

The Town Hall parking lot will be paved before the next general meeting. Mr. Bates commented that the canals look the best he has ever seen them. This is due to the new chemical being used as well as the winds and weather conditions.

The security contract with Garcia will be up at the end of this month. The county is taking bids from other companies, but will issue a contract for four months before making a new contract when the new fiscal year begins. Mr. Bates had the new road resurfacing schedule which the county will approve tomorrow. The county is divided into three sections. Lake Placid is in area three.

There will be 27 to 28 miles total in the county resurfaced. Lake Placid will receive 9.28 miles. Twenty-three of the 44 roads to be resurfaced are in Placid Lakes. The county is doing 60% of the work. A member asked about a glass recycle bin in Placid Lakes. We had one but Avon Park needed it. There are glass recycle bins at Publix and Sweet Bay. Mr. Filip had a concern about Island Parkway needing resurfaced. Mr. Bates said the portion of Island Parkway from Captiva to Lincoln is on the schedule.

Another member asked about an alternate route to town other than Catfish Creek. Mr. Bates mentioned Grigsby Road but this is off of Catfish Creek. The Lake Groves and Daffodil route was mentioned but Mr. Bates said the issue of obtaining the right of way is the factor keeping that from going forward. Mr. Bates reports that Mark Hall has been hired in the Planning Department.

President Bliss then introduced Commissioner Guy Maxcy and Howard Fleetwood, President of the Military Sea Services Museum. Mr. Fleetwood spoke on the history of the museum. Membership is open to everyone. The museum was damaged during the hurricanes but has been rebuilt. They are now at a place where there is a need for expansion. The expansion will be paid for through donations, membership fees and grant money. A membership purchases free admission to the museum, and deductions at the gift shop and for bricks for the memorial walk. The members have a monthly dinner the fourth Sunday of every month.

2. Board of Directors Liaison Activities.

A. Highlands County Board of County Commissioners Meeting – Sam attends the meetings. He reports that he has met with Bernis Gainer and Bea Johnson to work on the budget for the Special Benefit Tax District. He has had some line items added for office expenses, etc.

B. Highlands County Association Meeting – Sam also attended this meeting where a discussion of the Daffodil extension was on the agenda.

3. Financial Reports

Lee Witt, Treasurer.

Copies of the financial report for the Association as well as the financial report from the Special Benefit Tax District was provided to the members and reviewed by the Treasurer.

4. New Business

A. By-laws Revision Committee: Anita Martenic, Barb Mason, Susie Lee and Sam Bliss. Sam reports the by-laws have not been revised since 1979 except for changes to the dues. The new revisions will be ready to present to the board and then the general membership at the September meeting. They will include an addition of a Beautification and Preservation committee but will not include any changes to the dues.

B. Security update. Mr. Bates had covered this in his presentation.

C. Management Activity Plans: Sam reports that the board is working on these plans. The Board has reviewed all the roads in the subdivision and the results were taken by Anita and placed in a worksheet provided to the county. This was used by the county in planning the resurfacing schedule for the 2009-2010 schedules.

5. Old Business and Standing Committee Reports

Web Page – Sam Bliss – <http://www.placidlakesonline.com>

Sam reports that he keeps the web page current. A member remarked that she is unable to print the meeting agenda until after the meeting. Sam gave her his e-mail address so that he can e-mail the agenda to her.

Membership – Chairperson Susie Lee reported that we now have 272 members.

Lighting and Roads – Chairperson Seldon Bailey reported that he was pleased by the response of Kyle Green to his report of the defacement of a section of newly replaced sidewalk on Placid Lakes Blvd. Mr. Green replied to his e-mail the same day and that day or the next the sidewalk was repaired. Seldon has also reported a concern about the curbing at the front entrance to Mr. Green.

Recreation and Canals – Chairperson Richard Koderhandt spoke with Clell Ford. The survey of the canals is now completed and Clell will review the results and then get back to Richard. Richard reports that the sand is building up at the entrance into Catfish Creek again. They are now considering a barrier.

Office Operations – Office Manager Barbara Mason informed the members that the current office hours are Monday through Friday from either Nine to Noon or Ten to One. She says we can always use new volunteers to help staff the office and encouraged the members to consider volunteering.

6. Members Questions and Comments - None

Drawing for door prize. Barb Mason announced Mr. and Mrs. Filip donated a hand painted china plate for the drawing.

Next General Membership Meetings

**Monday, September 21 and
Monday, December 14, 2009
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Sam requested for a motion to adjourn.

Barb Mason moved to adjourn. Lee Witt seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brewer, Secretary