

Date/Place/Time:

March 13, 2017 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cranberry Pines Elementary School

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

General Meeting, April 10, 2017 Cranberry Pines Elementary School

Board Members in Attendance:

Leslie Cromie
Kate DiBenedetto
Lauren Kochan
Stacey Krastek
Karin McDonald
Bill Moritz
John Sweeney

Residents:

George Smith
Dan Rossetti
Jerry McHale
KC McHale
Charlie Kissane
Bruce Vaughan
Mary Vaughan
Peter Lonngren
Dan Favilla

Call to Order

Secretary's Report:

- February approved and entered into record.

Treasurer's Report:

- Main checking account: \$ 103,391.91
- Life Guard account: \$ 5,339.29
- Lakes Accrual Fund: \$ 101,708.71
- General Improvement Accrual Fund: \$ 65,667.44
- 389 Homeowners have paid 2017 dues as of March 12th. Second invoices were mailed 3-6-17. Final deadline for payment is April 7th. Deed restricted properties that have not paid dues by April 7th will receive a final billing that includes the late fee
- 2016 annual compilation report available upon request.
- Waiting for information from water committee on a resolution of our tax exempt status for TLA capital improvements. Per our accountant we should use the ST-5 form (not ST-8) which must be applied for on-line.

Correspondence:

- A post made on "Next-door Tamarac Lakes" was brought to our attention. Post was by Bill Mazzio of 65 Woodthrush Trail. Karin forwarded his comments regarding green space maintenance to property committee. Stacey to include note in board report regarding our official forums for communication.
- Dan Brown sent an email to regarding the volleyball tournament proposal.

Homeowner Comment:

- Any homeowner comment pertaining to the volleyball tournament was tabled to Athletic Committee Reporting.
- No additional homeowner comment.

Committee Reports:

Athletic:

- Date conflict resolved for fall horseshoe's tournament. Tournament will stay on October 7th/8th and Children's Committee has agreed to move Fall Festival to September 30/October 1st.
- Bill has been in communication with our attorney regarding event insurance and waivers for athletic events.
- Volleyball proposal and Event Checklist was submitted to board for review. At this point, homeowner comment was opened as it pertained to this proposal.
- Bill Moritz stated that last year's event had less than 10% participation by current TLA resident as opposed to a minimum standard of 50% resident participation. He asked what the % goal would be for participation this year and if the event would be scaled back to meet that goal. For example if the minimum number of players needed is 36 (6 teams of 6 players) and only 18 TLA residents signed up, would the event be scaled back to ensure that we maintained the 50% goal. The organizers indicated that the event would be opened first and foremost to existing residents but that they were not willing to scale back to meet a % participation goal.
- Stacey asked for clarification on who would be allowed to participate, specifically with respect to "Tournament Veterans" or "Alumni." She stated that she would be willing to support the event under the current guest policy (TLA dues paying members with a limited number of guests) but that past residents or players in the tournament should not be permitted access unless they are a guest of a current resident.
- Karin provided clarification on why our guest policy can vary by event based on location or scope of the event.
- George Smith asked about what percentage of tournament players last year were current TLA residents. He stated that the non-residents didn't respect the beach or property the way existing residents might.
- Bill Lobosco stated that he was on the board and the athletic liaison last fall when these events took on momentum. Prior to that, the event had operated under the radar and was not run formally as a TLA event. Based on the complaints surrounding the tournament last year, he took action beginning with a list of concerns and how the board needed to address them. This resulted in a number of positive changes including getting clarification on waivers and insurance riders and our social host liability, which impacted how we now run all events.
- John stated that the event was never overseen as it should have been, but now that we are aware of the complaints and our liability, it needs to be run as an official TLA event, subject to all TLA rules and regulations.
- Lauren questioned the logistics of using the ballfield for one day of the event.
- Lauren questioned the date of the event as both the Beach Committee and the results of the Event Survey indicated a strong preference not to hold the event on Labor Day weekend. Since there is a rain date provided for the following weekend, she questioned whether the event could be moved to that date allowing the tournament to have access to the beach for two full days. The organizers stated an unwillingness to move the event because many of the former players no longer live in the area and they travel for the holiday weekend to be able to participate. If the event was moved to a different weekend, many of these former players would not be able to attend and the event would become scaled down.
- Bill Lobosco stated that the beach season is approximately 100 days long and there are other events such as Beach Opening and Luau which raise complaints about overcrowding. He felt that residents could simply avoid the beach on the days they knew that crowds would be a concern.
- Lauren stated that we need to vote on the proposal as submitted in writing.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve the Volleyball Proposal as submitted in writing on March 13, 2017. The motion was not approved (0 to 7).
- Lauren informed the event organizers that they can submit a modified proposal to be voted on at the next

meeting. However, she also noted that the board has given very specific feedback on both the Labor Day weekend and the guest policy that would need to be reflected in a new proposal.

- Discussion on lifeguard staffing for Labor Day weekend tabled to new business.

Beach:

- At this time, we have no responses to the Tidibts posting for junior lifeguards. Would like to put up signs in the neighborhood as the next step.
- Most, but not all, guards are planning to return this year.
- Discussions are underway to move to an on-line registration and payment process for next year.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve a rule change that we will no longer accept private pavilion reservations on Memorial Day weekend, Labor Day weekend, or July 4th if that falls between a Friday and a Monday. Motion passed (6-1).
- A motion was made and seconded to approve Beach Committee changing the word “worn” to “visible” as it applies to beach tags on all beach rules. Motion passed (7-0).

Children’s:

- NTR

Civic:

- Karin offered to make signs for clean-up day, reusing the sign posts following the Easter Event.
- Chris Brough has offered to repaint neighborhood signs and will coordinate with Shawn DePasquale of the property committee who is already overseeing this project which is in its initial planning stages.
- Leslie stated that she has bills from attorney regarding research on 8 Tallowood and wanted to make sure this was approved. Karin clarified that this was part of the initial investigation that the board requested at the December meeting when George Greatex was in attendance. Jennifer Webb of the Greatrex Lawfirm contacted the bank involved in this abandoned property to express TLA's displeasure in the safety and maintenance of the property. Going forward Leslie would like to make clear that financial research on this property is not necessary as this is a non-dues paying home in Tamarac, therefore no past dues can be collected.

Membership:

- Directory: We are waiting to complete directory until we have a list of members from Leslie. Plan to complete by March 31 and send to press.
- Tamarac Trading Post: Officially launched sales. Orders coming in totaling approximately \$500 to date. Pricing given per item was based on 50 items sold per product (50 hats, 50 hoodies, 50 tees) Surplus of funds (if any) will be minimal, and pricing was created conservatively based upon potentially not reaching such thresholds.
- Any and all surplus of funds will be put back into our budget, purchasing more TLA Gear for new residents and having more inventories for purchase through the next few months.
- We have several versions of the TLA logo (both with and without “Inc.”). Project for 2018 will be to formalize official version of logo.
- Meet and Greet: Scheduled for March 23, 7-9 pm at Lower Forge. 50 person max, we have had a positive response so far. Requesting media blast to boost RSVPs (Approximately 20 attending so far).
- Next meeting date: week of April 2
- No volunteers needed at this time, welcoming Trina at our next meeting.

Property:

- Updated Event Checklist for the Spring Cleanup. Looking to confirm the availability of the portable lavs for that weekend; will not be available until week before beach opening.
- Landscape contractor scope and negotiations continue.
- Started TLA neighborhood map update (trails, green and common spaces) for use in resident guide, TLA property inventory, greenspace inspections, and contractor interactions.
- Tree safety and hazard, inspection and process refinement
- Investigating an additional marked TLA greenspace trail project
- Gathering information for a report of grass clippings be dumped on trail.
- Next Meeting Date: Early April - date TBD

Tidbits:

- NTR

Social:

- Working on Beach Opening.

Water:

- Actively working on geese remediation plans.
- Next meeting TBD

Website:

- The committee is growing and has a great volunteer base (Greg Mullen, Larry Greenblatt, Lauren White, and Maggie Banks). No additional volunteers needed at this time.
- We have worked with the Membership committee to get the TLA Trading Post up and running.
- Next meeting date Monday April 3 @ 7pm
- We need to upgrade our 123 Contact Form plan in the near future.
- We will be starting weekly themed Facebook posts. The first will be: Meet your board members! Other upcoming themed posts: Meet the Committees, Share your favorite TLA scenery pics, learn about the TLA website, etc.
- Email blast set to go out end of March to include: TLA trading post, Easter egg sign-up deadline, pavilion reservations, and possible Beach cleanup.
- We will soon make website pages for each committee. The info will be pulled from the Membership Guide. Any input from the committee on what extras to include on the pages is appreciated.

Junior Board:

- Next meeting 3/16
- Creating Sign-Up Genius for helping with Easter event and Spring Clean-up.

Unfinished Business:

- Moving Junior Board to Civic and Tidbits into Website "Communications" Committee
- Tetherball owned by Athletic OR Property?

New Business:**Adjournment:**