

Date/Place/Time:

February 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Cranberry Pines Elementary School

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

General Meeting, March 13, 2017 Cranberry Pines Elementary School

Board Members in Attendance:

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

Residents:

Chris Brough
Bruce Vaughan
Mary Vaughan
Warren Werner
Tom Rossiter
Patti Rossiter
George Smith
Ashley Greenblatt
Lauren Gliko

Call to Order

Secretary's Report:

- December minutes approved and entered into record.

Treasurer's Report:

- Main checking account: \$ 53,160.68 (does not include dues deposit from 2-12-17)
- Life Guard account: \$ 5,535.29
- Lakes Accrual Fund: \$ 101,669.71
- General Improvement Accrual Fund: \$ 65,642.26
- The numbers provided above always reflect the bank statement. To see the actual to date numbers, please refer to the budget.
- 339 Homeowners have paid 2017 dues. Put reminder/notice on website that deadline to pay dues has passed and to mail check. We are officially in the 'grace' period that TLA has always allowed the first time around. Second invoices will be mailed March 6th, 2017
- Padden & Cooper quote for invoicing: to send 510 invoices = \$250 + postage (\$250.00 first class). TLA sends approximately 520 invoices each year to all property owners plus renters. Additional services: return envelopes, monitoring unpaid properties, check processing & depositing, quarterly statements for outstanding/unpaid invoices.
- 2016 annual compilation report available upon request.
- We are still in need of a new Treasurer for next year; now would be a perfect time to begin training a replacement.

- 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:

- Bill Moritz submitted a letter from Jack McElvarr, resident and owner, of Nu Image Landscaping expressing concerns over general upkeep of common areas and loss of his contract in performing landscaping maintenance. Jack has been contacted and will be submitting a bid for services for next year.
- Leslie Cromie submitted a letter from Donna and Doug Rambo regarding their wish to cancel their TLA membership (they are non-dues restricted) due to recent developments concerning the Men's Volleyball tournament.

Homeowner Comment:

- Warren Werner asked whether a decision had been reached regarding the Men's Volleyball tournament for 2017. Bill Moritz responded that the volleyball sponsor had opted not submit a reservation proposal and would be looking to move the tournament to an outside location.
- This prompted homeowner comments by Tom and Patti Rossiter and Bruce and Mary Vaughan in support of continuing the tournament in its original format, specifically multiple days on Labor Day weekend and open to former Tamarac residents.
- George Smith indicated a willingness to help run a volleyball tournament in way that would adhere to TLA guidelines for events and be more inclusive to existing Tamarac residents.
- Lauren Gliko stated that the turnover of residents with new families has increased the usage of our resources and attendance at TLA sponsored events.
- Ashley Greenblatt stated that we are looking at new processes and procedures for handling both private parties and TLA events based on increased beach usage as many of our resources (volunteers, lifeguards, trash and recycling, porta-potties, parking) are being overextended.

Committee Reports:

Athletic:

- The volleyball event sponsor has decided to not host the event in Tamarac.
- Social media requesting volunteers went out.
- Next meeting has yet to be scheduled but we are looking at March.
- Event forms submitted for men's horseshoes (spring/fall), ladder golf and basketball.
- Volunteers are needed to host new events

Beach:

- Ashley Greenblatt discussed the new beach pavilion reservation process for private parties. Reservations will be accepted during a two week window. All requests should include 2-3 dates in order of preference. After all requests have been submitted, dates will be added to the calendar. In the event of conflicts with multiple residents requesting the same date, a random name generator will be used to make selections. Separate requests forms must be completed for each event. Based on increased usage of the beach, we are limiting reservations to one party per calendar day from Memorial Day to Labor Day and will not be accepting reservations on holiday weekends. This information will run again in the next edition of the Tidbits.

Children's:

- We have hosts for all Children's events for the coming year and forms are submitted for all dates being requested.

Civic:

- At our meeting in January, we agreed that Civic Committee could oversee the board election process. Leslie to provide Karin with details on process.

- We currently have 3 members (1 volunteer, 1 chair, 1 board liaison) and do not need more volunteers at this time.
- Update regarding the abandoned home at 8 Tallowood Drive. A verdict was reached in January indicating that this property is on its way to a sheriff's sale. We have sent photos of property to township expressing safety concerns to help expedite this process.
- During conversations with township regarding this property, the recommendation was made that we review all governing documents and by-laws to make sure that the most updated versions are properly recorded with the township. Moved to new business.
- Our next meeting is in May when we will discuss preparations for the election.

Membership:

- Met on 2/7. Next meeting: TBD (depending on directory printing status).
- New membership guide and abridged directory to be published by 4/1.
- New homeowner meet and greet event to be held on Thursday, March 23rd. Requesting board members and committee chairs to attend if possible. Mixer will allow us to meet new homeowners and introduce them to Tamarac amenities as well as solicit volunteers for committees.
- Membership is setting up a TLA "store" making hoodies, t-shirts, and hats available for order through the month of March.

Property:

- Dave Martin has volunteered as the chairperson backup.
- Creating processes, communication channels, and scope for property issues, maintenance, and capital improvements
- Spring Clean Up event planning. Event form submitted
- Landscaping vendor bidding, selection, and contract negotiation underway.
- Investigating the utilization of arborist services for tree safety evaluations on TLA common spaces - beach, trails, Gazebo Park, and ballfield.
- Looking for resident feedback on what to do with ballfields that are in a state of disrepair and are unused. May use electronic survey to solicit feedback.
- Next meeting has yet to be scheduled but we are shooting for late Feb early March

Tidbits:

- Reminder that Tidbits is currently being distributed electronically only.

Social:

- Event checklist has been submitted for Beach Opening on May27th.
- Beach closing date was left blank until the final decision for volleyball event is made.

Water:

- Templates being created for Dam Safety, Emergency Action Plan, and Operations and Maintenance Plan.
- Ladders inside sluice boxes are now required by state.
- Board replacement on dam at edge of Bracken.
- Goose monitoring to begin on March 1st. Addling permits have been secured and volunteers are scheduled to oversee this process. Nest and egg monitoring will begin March 1st.
- Looking into island fencing as an additional deterrent to goose populations.
- Weed (Hydrilla) treatment will continue as needed
- Lake Treatment/ Depth Testing being proposed.
- Proposal being reviewed for lake bed maintenance in inlet areas.
- Beach erosion issue is continuing to be reviewed. Have engaged a new engineering firm to look into how to mitigate this issue.
- New canoe racks are being built. Looking into two prototypes for this.
- Do not think that fish stocking is necessary this year.
- Fishing tournament proposed for July 22nd. Event form needs to be submitted.

- Tree removal from inlet between Bracken and Indian Pipe

Website:

- Last meeting was held on 2/5.
- Committee is focusing on engaging residents via social media.
- If anyone would like to set up a TLA email address for business purposes, please contact website committee.

Junior Board:

- Career Night cancelled due to lack of attendance.
- Junior Board will host Movie Night at beach in partnership with Children's Committee; movie content will be geared toward middle school/high school audience.
- Next meeting to be scheduled in March.

Event Calendar Planning:

- Dates for all TLA events submitted and added to events calendar.
- One conflict is noted for weekend of October 7/8 (conflict between Fall Festival and Men's Horseshoes).
- If not done so already, all event forms to be emailed to Stacey Krastek who will in turn upload to Google Drive folder.
- Finalized calendar to be sent to Ashely Greenblatt.

New Business:

- Moving Junior Board to Civic and Tidbits into Website "Communications" Committee. Lauren and Leslie to discuss from budget perspective and will update at next meeting.
- Tetherball owned by Athletic OR Property. Leslie to contact insurance company and inform them of tetherball installation.
- Recording of by-laws and governing documents with township. Karin to follow up via Civic Committee.

Adjournment:

Note: The January working session provided an overview to board members of the aggregated survey results (http://media.wix.com/uqd/4c1045_623851d604af49e3b941963de369188f.pdf). The committee-liaison-chairperson process was explained. This was reflected with a statement in the January Board Report.