

Florida Gardens Civic Association

Minutes of the September 10th, 2020 Meeting

NOTE – The scheduled meetings in April and May were cancelled due to the Corona Virus. There were no scheduled Association meetings in July and August.

The meeting was called to order by Spencer Palmer at 8:07 p.m.

Attendance: Officers: Spencer Palmer (President), Susan Jenkins (1st Vice President), Danny Wood (2nd Vice President), and Chris Jenson (Treasurer). Gary Oliwa filled in as Secretary. There were sufficient Board Members present (17) to achieve a quorum. There were 32 total attendees.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 2020 meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted without discussion or motion by a unanimous simple voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Chris Jenson. We have a current bank balance of \$15,880.56 as of 9/10, with outstanding checks totaling \$323.61. The Treasurer's Report was accepted without discussion or motion by a unanimous simple voice vote.

Clubhouse Report: Terry Crosby (Clubhouse Manager) indicated that while the Clubhouse rentals were stopped over the summer due to the Corona Virus, the Clubhouse is again being rented on a limited basis. Clubhouse surfaces and tables and chairs are being sanitized after every rental. There has been a problem for several months regarding roaches and she received a complaint from one renter. As a result, she has changed exterminating companies. Terry also reported on a rental she secured on a weekday last month from Life Line Screening – a medical testing group that provides certain medical tests to the public. They were very happy with our Clubhouse and have scheduled another rental in December. Gary Oliwa reported on recent repairs and renovations. Spencer Palmer thanked Terry for her work with the resident to the north to finally remove the remainder of the massive tree stump and repair and extend the privacy fence where the tree had been.

Website and Newsletter: Gary Oliwa reported that the Website is up to date and the September Newsletter will be out once decisions are made regarding our Halloween events.

Old and New Business:

- Little to report this month on the Lucerne Lakes Golf Course conversion. New signs have been put up which need to be investigated. Spencer Palmer has continued to try and contact the owners of the small parcel of land that Columbia Road traverses, but no success so far. Gary Oliwa reported that the PBC Water Utilities Department

also has unsuccessfully tried to contact them as there are plans to put a new main water line between Florida Gardens and Lucerne Lakes under Columbia Road.

- The drainage ditch across the back of the Clubhouse is still an issue. Gary Oliwa contacted Gary Marcinkoski to ask if he could clear the blockage at the drainage culvert under Canton. Not done as of yet.
- Spencer Palmer indicated he continues to work with the County regarding reconfiguration and addition of more speed bumps along Ohio and Akron Roads. When asked about putting one on Springdale, he indicated that traffic counts done a few years ago did not meet the minimum requirements, but would inquire if another one could be done due to the traffic cutting through from Lucerne Lakes.
- Spencer Palmer reported that a resident in Florida Gardens is willing to relocate 6 oak trees (2 large, 4 small) from their property to the Clubhouse for \$1000. Though no motion was made on the expenditure, a voice vote was taken and passed with one dissention.
- The plans for a fall Cornhole competition are still being worked out by Danny Wood.
- There was nothing new to report on Spencer's efforts to have the County install a sidewalk along the west side of Akron Road.
- Spencer suggested the installation of a programmable thermostat in the Clubhouse, but Terry Crosby indicated there would be more downside than advantages.
- Many discussions were held regarding what to do about neighborhood Halloween events given the limitations imposed by the Corona Virus situation.
 - The kids party will not be held, nor will the night movie behind the Clubhouse.
 - Alanna Harman will coordinate the setup of a controlled golf cart Trunk-or-Treat to be held on the evening of the October 24th. Golf carts will be spaced appropriately and participants will follow a designated path to encourage social distancing.
 - Since there will be no indoor party, Kimberly Serio is looking at setting up some tables in place of a few golf carts to incorporate some type of kids involvement beyond just getting candy. She will look for volunteers and Gary Oliwa will put a request in the Newsletter for volunteers to help oversee the event.
 - The Trunk-or-Treat will begin at 6:00 pm and end by 7:15 pm. The neighborhood Halloween golf cart parade will follow.
 - Golf carts for the Trunk-or-Treat will be spaced along the back and north sides of the Clubhouse, and a car parking area will be designated.
 - The Halloween house decorating contest will still be held. As there were complaints last year about the judging being done too early, Gary Oliwa agreed to conduct the judging on the night before Halloween (Friday) and distribute the award signs on Halloween morning.
 - On Halloween night, we have numerous people coming in from outside the neighborhood to trick-or-treat. These people often park at the Clubhouse. This year, however, the Clubhouse is rented for a wedding on Halloween and

concern was raised over interference with that party. Further discussions and ideas need to be discussed to find an appropriate solution.

- It was suggested that given the crowds we typically have on Halloween night, we investigate the possibility of designating streets as 'one way' to encourage social distancing.
- Spencer Palmer suggested that to honor the long and active involvement of Bill and Carole Applegate to the community, we designate this year's Christmas Golf Cart Parade in honor of Carol. Concerns were raised about recognizing others with a long history of community involvement as well. More discussion is needed.

There being no other business, a motion was made at 8:50 pm by Spencer to adjourn.

Accepted: 1st Sandra Dale, 2nd Terry Crosby.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8th, 2020.