

MINUTES LONG LEAF PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

MEETING DATE 06/08/2021

CALL TO ORDER at 6:48PM

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board members in attendance:

Jeffery Morris Chairman
Lawrence Usher Vice-Chair
Teri Christopher Treasurer
Jon Claessens Secretary
Lewis Nighswonger
Brett Gibbs

Other HOA members present:

Gloria McKenzie, 684 Black Ironwood Dr
Debbie Buzzell, 685 Black Ironwood Dr
David and Carol Noyes, 1069 Torchwood
Rick Studer, 933 Torchwood
Michael Katz, 503 Princewood
Marguarite DeMattia 901 Torchwood
Suzie Smith 925 Torchwood
Carole Gilbert 504 Black Ironwood
Mary Nighswonger
John Christopher

MEMBER CONCERNS

Chairman opened the meeting by welcome the plenum and by indicating that this meeting is being held under Robert's rules and that members would be allowed to speak for a maximum of three minutes.

Suzie Smith: Expressed her concerns for civility when political signs would be allowed and questioned the benefit for the community. This member had a remark on the 48 hours restrictions on Trailers and RV's and how previous boards seemed to deal with this. The Chairman clarified why the board wanted to amend this covenant.

Margarite DeMattia represented member Judy Black 867 Torchwood who indicated opposition to political signs and flags being perceived as a pathway to discord.

Gloria McKenzie: provided an etymological explanation of the word sign concluding that flags already appear to be covered by and included in the original covenants and would not need a special amendment as such. The Chairman answered that in his opinion the HOA would not stand a chance of defending this inclusion in front of a court of law since flags are not explicitly mentioned in the Covenants.

Debbie Buzzell: This member expressed her opposition to a display of political signs as she believes this would contribute to increased discord. This member mentioned that many other avenues exist demonstrate political preferences for people who prefer to do so. This member also represented Bonnie Lindberg and Matt Marzullo 695 Black Ironwood- and voiced those members strong concerns about an increased use of political signs and flags.

Michael Katz: This member elaborated on the meaning and definition of cause and symbolism and introduced examples of original symbols (such as the swastika) being "hijacked" with a change of the meaning and cause for the symbol. In the opinion of this member the "Thin Blue Line flag" was hijacked for political purposes in a similar manner to now carry a different identity.

Carole Gilbert: This member stated that all symbols can be taken out of context and that -with the perceived loss of civility in society- she is completely against political signs in the neighborhood.

Carole Noyes: This member remarked that "926 Torchwood" is now flying the "Palestinian" flag.

Bret Gibbs: clarified to the non-board members present that by introducing these proposed amendments and having a conversation on them, the board is "taken the temperature" for the neighborhood.

The Chairman reiterated that in his opinion the standards used in this community are not to be decided on by a small group of seven individuals (board) but by the membership at large and confirmed that only a vote with a 67% majority could change the existing covenants.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Chairman filed a motion that from this date forward for all reports (ACB and Treasurer) to be attached to the Secretary's Minutes. Teri C. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

The Chairman filed a motion to adopt the Minutes of the April 22nd Board meeting. Teri C. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by the Chairman for the LLP Treasurer reports for January 2021 and February 2021 to be retroactively adopted. Jon C. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

Report read by Teri C, Treasurer. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report for April and May 2021 by the Chairman; Lewis N. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL BOARD ACB. Report read by the Chairman in absence of the ACB Chair. Motion to adopt the 4/22-5/31/2021 Report by the Chairman. Lewis N. 1st Motion adopted unanimously.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Maintenance Reports by Teri C. Changed sprinklers to run twice a week due to drought. Teri contacted the County again about the speed limit and waiting for response. Teri reported that AT&T will start putting in high speed cable in the LLP neighborhood in the near future.

OTHER COMMITTEES

Motion by the Chairman to have a new meeting for Covenant Changes on 07/08 at 6:45PM with a scope of the two covenants (political signs and trailers) that were brought up during tonight's meeting as well to discuss the format and manner of distribution to the members. Teri C. 1st. The Chairman opposed, all other members were in favor. Motion adopted.

This meeting will be open to all members and will be advertised as such.

Annual Meeting: Tentatively scheduled for 11/04/21. Church/meeting place to be reserved by Teri C.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairman suggested to install a convenience fee of \$3.20 for people who are using a credit card/ Paypal to pay the dues. Lawrence U. questioned if this would not be perceived as a "nickel and dime" move.

Motion to adopt the fee by Teri C. Jon C. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

YARD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE by Teri C who indicated the winners of the Yard of the Month for May and June. This information will be posted in the Newsletter.

NEIGHBORHOOD ALERT. None this meeting.

NEWSLETTER. Teri C. stated that the next one will go out in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Fourth of July Parade. Teri C. covered the history of this parade and described its usual course. Rick Studer suggested to offer some Home Depot building kits to the kids who would attend. Teri to offer water melon and drinks. Marguarite D. confirmed that her husband would be happy to participate in this celebration with music as usual. Motion to adopt the 4th of July parade for 2021 by Teri C. Jef M. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

Oktober Fest: Teri C. informed newer board members what this event historically entailed. Held in front of the Grant's house with BBQ, food and water provided. In recent years BYOB was requested. \$750.00 has been the budget for this event. \$5.00 for non-paying members and guests and free to LLP members in good standing. Teri C. reports that neighbor Hanson of "Grandma's Kitchen" has been instrumental in providing food for this Fest. Motion for LLP to have the Oktober Fest on October 16th from 6-10PM by Jef M. Jon C. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Tree Proposal "Don Day": Motion by Jon C. to withdraw proposal due to lack of board commitment to provide immediate and sufficient funding based on fiscal concerns. Lewis N. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE

August 12th at 6:45PM. In absence of Jon C. Lewis N. volunteers to be Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion for Meeting to be adjourned at 8:27PM by Teri C., Lewis N. 1st. Motion adopted unanimously.