

Berwick Plantation Board Meeting Minutes

Oct 26, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm at the Enclave Clubhouse

Directors Kovach, Ealy, Cline, Guarino were present. Mr Schreiber and Mr Rowden were also present representing the management company.

Commissioner Kicklighter and members of the County (Group) were present to discuss issues with the board. The Group asked Gary to meet with an officer to indicate where the present homeless camp was located. The crosswalks and final striping on Berwick Blvd are due to be painted when the asphalt cures, most likely. It is in the scope of the contract with the vendor. The board also asked about getting the striping updated from the end of the new pavement all the way to Southbridge. Mr Kicklighter went over several projects that were in the TSPLOST initiative, including a traffic study on Hwy 17 from 516 to Richmond Hill, widening of Quacco Rd, with help from City of Pooler, and various pedestrian walkways in the unincorporated area. The board asked to include a look at whether the left turn lane onto the Blvd from Hwy 17 could be extended as cars block the right lane at various times. The county said they would check into if there was any money to help with the walkway along Berwick Blvd. Chief Hadley talked about patrols and stated there should be at least one patrol a day in the communities along the Blvd and more as needed. On the issue of panhandling at the intersection of Hwy 17 and Berwick Blvd, it was stated that people can do it, but they cannot be in the medians, either the corner or between Hwy 17 lanes. And they cannot obstruct traffic. People should call the non-emergency line to report individuals in the medians if they are concerned about violations of this. The county is aware of the need to replace old signs along the Blvd. There was a request for a county 'services fair' somewhere in the area to help inform residents.

The board approved the meeting minutes from Aug 10.

The board reviewed the income statement and balance sheet for Sept 30th. The board asked for the collections report sent to them, containing the members from Southbridge who had not paid. The board approved a charge for 2022 of \$7625 for bad debt to be included in the income statement. Mr Schreiber will still continue to try and collect the outstanding amounts.

The board asked to have the water in the lagoon at the park to be tested.

The board voted down an outstanding motion to fund irrigation at the pavilion and approved a motion to begin the irrigation project along the Blvd starting this fall, and to be completed in 2023. The board also approved an increase of \$5 the dues and a \$10 special assessment for 2023. Mr Schreiber to alert the delegates immediately. The board also passed the 2023 budget in concept, with final numbers, including an estimated charge of \$2300 for bad debt, due to delinquencies with the account belonging to the owners in Southbridge. The admin fee charged to those owners will remain at \$10 for 2023.

The board approved the retainer fee of \$1800 for Nowack & Howard as attorney for the Association.

The board asked Mr Schreiber to send out an announcement to the delegates about the empty director position vacated by Roger Haneline's resignation which was accepted by the board earlier in Oct.

The board discussed a dog park and/or poop stations as brought up in the annual meeting. There was discussion about how many, but the board didn't authorize any action. The board did ask Schreiber LLC to inquire about hand dryers in the bathrooms to cut down on the expenses of paper towels that have risen this year.

The board has the contact information for Officer McGowen, police community rep for the Berwick area to be shared and posted to the website.

The board set the next meeting for Feb 3, tentatively, and asked to have the rest of the meetings for 2023 to be set up also, as well as the annual meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm

Submitted by Mr Schreiber Nov 9, 2022