

Minutes of the Quarterly meeting of the Harbor Oaks Homeowners Association

August 17, 2016

After the Pledge of Allegiance the president, Chet Trotto, welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all attendees to introduce themselves and state their address.

Chet introduced Deputy Dressback from the Pinellas Sheriff's department to talk about the recent robbery that occurred in Harbor Oaks and answer any questions the meeting may have. Deputy Dressback reported that the perpetrators had been caught. The homeowner had a security system that alerted him of the intrusion and took video. The moral is not to wear a shirt commemorating your family reunion if you want to rob a home!

The deputy reminded the meeting that there is a "Home Check Program" available through the Sheriff's office if you are going to be away from home. They will do a drive-by and check on your property. He also mentioned that if you see anything suspicious, do not hesitate to call. There is a non-emergency number (727) 582-6200, and the deputy's number is (727) 580-0557. His visit was much appreciated.

The meeting continued: There had not been a quorum at the previous meeting and so no minutes were available.

Deed Restrictions Report: Nothing to report.

The Treasurer reported an opening balance from the last meeting of \$14,036.69. After deposits totaling \$180 and expenses of \$481.31 the new balance as at 8/17/2016 was \$13,735.38. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was proposed and carried.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business:

A nominating committee consisting of Jim, Mike, Joe and William was appointed to create and review nominations for the board of directors to be elected at the next quarterly meeting.

Chet had negotiated with the people who do the mowing to do extra weeding, and trimming of the bushes at the front entrance at a cost of \$50 a month. A motion to approve the expenditure was proposed and carried.

A proposal was made to change by-laws whereby the annual maintenance fee would become due by the first meeting of the year instead of the preceding November 1st, and to raise the president's discretionary spending limit from \$50 to \$100. Based on Article 10, Section 1, these by-laws can be amended by a vote of the members present at the meeting. The motion was approved.

Chet will be sending out an email regarding the annual maintenance fee in the near future.

The city of Safety Harbor is again considering applications for beautification grants up to a value of \$2500. Some ideas to be considered include more shrubbery/flowers, painting, cameras for the entrances (that can capture number plates), a 20-foot flagpole and irrigation at the 4th Street entrance. An email soliciting any other suggestions will be sent.

Mike had a question about the pond – he thought it may be leaking at the run-off. Chet will follow up and if necessary contact the city.

Motion to adjourn was carried at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted –

Barry Tosdevine.

Discussion with Mayor Andy Steingold.

After being introduced the first concern was from the floor concerning drug activity associated with the Middle School. A resident stated that school kids are using drugs after school at the back of the school, behind the Cumberland Farms gas station and in Philippe Park. The consensus was that initially the community patrol officers should be informed and they should investigate further.

Q: Are there any plans to provide city-wide wi-fi?

A: A limited number of hot spots in and around the city will be established. At this point in time it is not expected that the whole city will have coverage.

Mayor Steingold:

Philippe Park is a County Park. The county wants to give the park to the city but the cost of the upkeep is prohibitive. The new Waterfront Park will belong to the city and contrary to earlier statements the city will start to develop the park in the coming year and then continue to develop it year over year.

The city is working on a property exchange with Harborside Christian Church so that the church can build (at their expense) a connecting road to Marshall Street. The exchange favors the city.

Q: Trash pickup has recently been reduced to one day a week – do you not see this being an issue during the summer months when food is left to bake in the trash containers?

A: It is unlikely that trash collection will revert to the twice-weekly pick up. There may be a reduction in the monthly fees. Note that there has been a 23% reduction in street lighting fees.

Q: Yard waste will only be collected if it is in 30-gallon containers – why not allow biodegradable bags?

A: Duly noted – will follow up.