

**Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 12, 2020**  
**Highland Oaks Park Recreation Building**

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Freyda Hyman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Alexandra Alazrachi, Erica Chao, Marcela Bogomolni, Madeline Langbaum, Leigh Needelman, Cathy Pieters, Aaron Rubin, Ahuva Stadtlander, and Bob Weisblum. Attending as guests were Joshua Levy, Lucia Baez-Geller, and Doron Friedlander. Rick welcomed the new Board members and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Mort, seconded by Ahuva, to accept the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was passed.

School Board Candidates: Rick introduced 2 candidates for the School Board seat that will be available with the retirement of Dr. Martin Karp. Lucia Baez-Geller and Joshua Levy each spoke briefly about their background and plans if elected. The HOA is planning to host a Candidate Forum so that our area residents can hear what all 5 candidates have to say.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that as of the Jan. 31 bank statement we have \$26,225.15. Dues checks and deposits from Pay Pal will increase this amount, but several bills for the newsletter will reduce it.

Membership: Freyda noted that we have 92 paid memberships for 2020, with 67 of the 2019 members yet to renew. The VABHOE Carnival did not yield what we had hoped in the way of membership. We needed more Board members to mingle and "sell" the HOA. We also need a tablecloth and possible polo shirts with our name to increase our visibility. Cathy will work on getting them. Bob suggested using the membership brochure as a mailer mid-year to stir membership.

Food Truck Event: Cathy reminded everyone that our next event will be March 15 from 5-8pm. She already has sponsors lined up and is working on more. She gathered leads at the Carnival. She suggested that we offer the sponsors the option of having a tent for an additional fee.

Infrastructure/Traffic/Beautification: Bill is working with County Public Works to try to get a replacement fence for the one that was knocked over at Ives Dairy Road and Highland Lakes Blvd. during the recent shooting incident. They are also looking at the possibility of a concrete barrier. The wall on IDR is in greater disrepair than when the original cost estimates were done to clean and paint it. There is a proposal to remove the sidewalk on the south side that dead ends and to put in shrubs to hide the wall. Who would maintain them? The temporary structure on NE 26 Ave. has been cited by Code Enforcement. There are some residents who are trying to get the speed bumps in Highland Lakes removed. There are numerous figures on the budgeted amount to maintain the back wall along County Line Road. The lighting along NE 18 Ave. is still in question.

Security: Rick spoke of the 2 attempted break-ins to homes along the back wall that occurred last night. Both homes were not occupied at the time, but their impact windows held.

Parks: Mark F. reported that the sand in the playground will be replaced with wood fiber and a small shelter has been put up. The possibility of adding a bathroom near the playground has been dropped. There is no budget to add the necessary plumbing.

Committees: Rick distributed the chart of committee chairs, co-chairs and members. He would like each committee to meet as soon as possible to start working on their goals for the year. Freyda reminded the committee chairs that as members submit applications that indicate an interest in participating in a particular area, she is distributing a copy to the relevant chair. The chairs should consider inviting these people to committee meetings.

New Business: Mort described the events of Dec. 22 when heavy rains caused flooding in the area. He touched a pole and was jolted with electricity. He warned everyone to be careful in the future. The School Board Candidate Forum is scheduled for March 12 at Highland Oaks Middle School. Ari Odzer has agreed to MC. A logistics committee is needed to plan the format, the timing, how questions will be taken, etc. Erica agreed to work on this and suggested that Sharon Curtis might help. Rick also thought that Mark Robson would help. Erica will put something on NextDoor asking for volunteers for the committee. Newsletters and brochures need to be available at the event.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = March 4; Candidate Forum = March 12; Food Trucks = March 15; Board = April 29

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.