

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
General Membership Meeting
June 26, 2019
Highland Oaks Park Recreational Building

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. He explained that Steve Parkins accepted a job out of state and the Board elected Rick to replace him.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 30, 2018 General Membership Meeting were approved after a motion by Bob Weisblum, seconded by Pablo Barreiro.

Legislative Update: Chris Taylor attended in place of Commissioner Sally Heyman. They welcome input and suggestions from residents and are there to help. State Representative Barbara Watson and State Senator Jason Pizzo had schedule conflicts and were unable to attend.

Security: Pablo Barreiro encouraged residents to pass along positive comments, not just negative ones. He gave kudos to a guard who fixed a broken gate by herself. MDPD Officer George reported that the April-June crime statistics for our area are down. Most of the incidents were car break-ins and thefts. He urged everyone to lock cars and not leave anything in them. Some individual situations were discussed. State Trooper Sanchez reported that even though the homeowners agreed to a raise, some shifts of the roving patrol in Oak Forest are still not manned. Kent Security representative Jerry Tollefsen reported that they are working with the police to check logs when suspicious cars are identified. The gate near IDR was struck by lightning and they are waiting on a part to complete the repair.

Parks: Marc Frankel noted that the Parks Dept. is slow to complete some projects. The lake has been restocked with fish to eat the weeds. He would like to organize a lake clean-up and has a "wish list" of other projects. The Audubon Society is planning 2 bird watching tours on Sept. 22 and Oct. 6. Details will be publicized.

Code Enforcement: Brenda Aaron and Joanne De Le Rosa, Compliance Officers, distributed lists of the fines attached to various violations. They are starting a monthly door-to-door walk to gather info and follow up on violations.

Airbnb: Cindy Hoskins, Legal Liaison with Code Compliance, explained that vacation rentals are new to regulation and follow up is complaint based. State rules take precedence over local rules. The only way to ensure a rental is registered with the State is by investigating a complaint. Local officials can't enforce State regulations. If a property is being used commercially, the owner will lose their Homestead Exemption - if it is reported. Owners are supposed to do criminal background checks. Noise complaints should go to the police. Trash and parking violations need to be observed by a Compliance Officer in order for a citation to be written. There is a County website to check if a property has a Certificate of Use as a vacation rental. If a complaint on a specific address is received, an Administrative Subpoena can be sent. If there are 3 violations, the CU will be revoked. Fines get higher with each additional violation. Vacation rentals must comply with all reasonable regulations of any HOA that covers the property. Various other details of the codes and requirements, and individual situations, were discussed.

Future Events: Food Truck Night = Sunday, October 27

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm after Rick thanked everyone again for coming.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.