

Sky Lake - Highland Lakes Area Homeowners Association
Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020
Held Via ZOOM Video Conference

President Rick Schermer called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Board members in attendance were: Mort Braverman, Bill Clayton, Marc Frankel, Marc Hurwitz, Freyda Hyman, David Promoff, Stephanie Ruiz, Brenda Auerbach, Sharon Curtis, Howard Fine, Doron Friedlander, Philip Holcman, Madeline Langbaum, Cathy Pieters, Norman Pieters, Aaron Rubin, Cyd Sinai, Ahuva Stadtlander, and Bob Weisblum. Rick welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes: A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Ahuva, to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting. The motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report: David reported that as of today we have \$25,810.58.

Membership: Freyda reported that we have 139 paid memberships for 2020 and 38 of the 2019 members have yet to renew. The reminder email that was sent has generated numerous renewals. Rick is talking with the web designer about making the renewal function through our website more user friendly. Erica Chao has taken the steps to make paying through the website secure. Mort pointed out that there is still a lot of editing that needs to be done to the website.

Parks: Marc F reported that the crocodile had moved into Highland Lakes and is now back in the park lake. There has been an advisory to not swim in these lakes and to be careful with small animals and children. The issue is now in the hands of Public Works to try to replace the manatee gates.

Security: Rick noted that the roving patrol in Oak Forest is now back up and running. There have been increased complaints about various Air BnB houses. Property owners have even threatened the neighbors who complained. He is looking into the possibility of property owners being fined retroactively to the beginning of the quarantine when the Air BnBs were supposed to be vacated. There was a lengthy discussion of what we can do and the steps that should be taken when there is a problem. Rick will post the process on Next Door and email the information to the membership. Mort suggested that a committee be formed to gather information and work on possible solutions. Anyone interested in participating should contact Rick.

Train Station: Rick spoke about further complications with the train station due to Tri-Rail getting involved. There has been no start date reported for the Brightline trains to resume service.

New Business: Rick said that 2 of the sidewalk improvement projects are to start this month and be completed in August. Philip has a relative from out of state who is an engineer and may be willing to help with the overpass. He will try to get the current plans looked at. Sally Heyman had asked for a list of sewers that backed up as a result of the heavy rains. 85 locations were submitted but more can be added. The construction work on NE 199 St. appears to be the laying of underground electrical wires. Rick summarized the discussion at the emergency Board meeting. The spending of up to \$5,000 will need Executive Committee approval. These funds would only be used in the case of an emergency situation such as the need for additional security. There was some discussion on whether or not to hold the Food Truck event in Oct. The consensus opinion was to postpone until 2021. The next General Membership Meeting scheduled for October will be held as a Zoom meeting with only the presenters visible and audible live. Audience questions can be submitted ahead of time or handled through the chat function.

Upcoming Meetings: Board = September 9 (probably via Zoom)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Submitted by Freyda Hyman.