

ROTONDA WEST ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2017 – 2:00PM
3754 Cape Haze Drive
MINUTES

Roll Call:

PRESENT: Russell Kulp (Chair), Andy VanScyoc, Hank Killion,
David Kelly, Glynn Perkins & Peter Traverso

ABSENT: Scott Schermerhorn

Management: Scott Feldkamp, Manager
Claudette Romano, Lead Administrator

Others in Attendance: Stephen Froggatt, John & Barbara Peszko, John Farrell,
Linda & Bob Bondeson, George Hutton, Richard Duggan, Earl Haas,
Don & Ginni Mahon, Dale Jensen, George Krabbe, Stan Plizga,
George & Lois Burger, John Matuza, Sam Besase, Diane & David
McGrath, and Wayne Legris.

The meeting was called to order by President Kulp at 2PM. The meeting was properly Noticed and a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to The United States of America was said by all.

President Kulp welcomed back Director Perkins who has been across *the Pond* for a few months. Welcome Back Director Perkins.

The Minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Directors and Buildings & Grounds on February 17, 2017; Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2017, and the Board of Directors Pre-Agenda Meeting of March 9, 2017, were approved.

Members Input from Agenda - None

Treasurer's Report

Director Killion stated Treasurer's Report ending February 28, 2017- Cash on hand is \$1,920,047. Year to date on expenses are \$58,520.00 to the good for the year.

Manager's Report

Manager Feldkamp stated the new RWA Meeting Center could be ready to use in as few 90 days. Your Buildings & Grounds Committee and the contractor, Synergy, are in the final stages.

Jim Katsiamakis has started mowing. Jim's crew is determined to complete six (6) mowing cycles this year. The new, *tractor & mower* should arrive in May. Director Killion, the Budget & Finance Committee and The Board, negotiated a very favorable purchase agreement.

The *Volunteer Recognition Banquet*, hosted at The Hills Country Club and organized by Wayne Mengle and the Community Relations Committee was delicious. Don Mahon was recognized as *Volunteer of the Year*. Thanks to all of the volunteers for including me in the celebration.

Kathy Gizzi and Holly Carr report that the total number of properties cleared with the guidance of the **Pepper Eradication Program** is increasing at a decreasing rate. While most owners have complied, some few hundred are still non-compliant. Fines are being issued, certified notices are being mailed. Dick Duggan and the Compliance Committee have been very busy.

Visitors to Broadmoor Park {as tabulated by our bookkeeper, Barbara Maryon} peaked at 188 people in a single day. Some benches, gardens, dog stations & signs are in place. Picnic tables, more gardens, benches and walking trails are in process.

Committee Reports

Election – Barbara Peszko (Chair)

Election Committee met with Attorney Sarah Spector who gave a very good presentation on Electronic Voting. Committee agreed to move forward with Electronic Voting. Chair Barbara Peszko recommends that the Board approve moving forward with Electronic Voting. **Director Traverso moved the Board to adopt Electronic Voting Procedures, but not implement until 2018, based on Election Committee recommendation to Board. 2nd by Director Perkins. Discussion ensued. Motion passed five (5) to one (1) with Director Killion voting in the negative.**

Next Committee Meeting will be May 25th at 2PM at 3754 Cape Haze Drive. President Kulp & Director Traverso both thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

Activities - Director VanScyoc (Chair)

Director VanScyoc stated that the Committee met to establish themselves & the Committee. We are being inundated with requests from clubs and I do not anticipate any down time for the new Meeting Center. The Committee will be meeting next week and hopefully I will have more information to present at the next Board meeting.

Administrative/Personnel

Did not meet.

Aquatic Canal – Stan Plizga (Chair)

Chair Stan Plizga met with President Kulp and Manager Feldkamp. The Committee will have a new agenda. Meeting next week at 10am on March 23rd at 646 Rotonda Circle.

Budget & Finance – Director Killion (Chair)

Director Killion indicated that two new members will be added to the Committee. **Director Killion moved the Board to add Dave McGrath and Wayne Legris to the Budget & Finance Committee. 2nd by Director VanScyoc. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Committee reviewed the financials. Geoff Lorah and his staff have completed the Audit and will present it either at the next Board meeting or the following month. One important factor that was indicated, we have no tax ramifications from last year.

Buildings & Grounds – Director Killion (Chair)

Director Killion stated the Committee met and had a group from the Rotonda Garden Club asked to plant a “*Butterfly Garden*”. This would be the second one in Broadmoor Park. Discussion ensued. Board approved.

Discussion ensued on the purchase of additional Tractor & mower.

George Krabbe has formed a Committee to move forward with a five (5) year plan. Manager Feldkamp gave an update on the New Community Meeting Center. Grand Opening on or about June 1st. We will have a “*soft*” opening three weeks earlier. Walking path at West Lake will be completed in about a month.

Brazilian pepper tree removal is about 65% completed at Broadmoor Park.

Division signs have been destroyed. Director Killion would still like to work with the MSBU to replace these signs. New signs would replicate our Entrance sign on

a smaller scale to what the Country Club has. Manager Feldkamp will get additional information on the cost for these signs. President Kulp indicated, more discussion on this subject will be *tabled* until next Board meeting.

Community Relations – Earl Haas (Chair)

Chairman Haas stated the Website hits for January were 5,177; February 4,468. The top three (3) were: United States, Israel, and Germany. Top Viewed – Calendar and Forum. Due to the New Activities Committee, we are looking into developing an Activities Calendar. **President Kulp moved the Board to have Manager Feldkamp work with the Community Relations Committee to advance the revision of the RWA Web Site. 2nd by Director VanScyoc. Motion carried unanimously.** Manager Feldkamp indicated that work has already started and it is well underway.

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet had 95 attendees. Seventy-five (75) were recognized for their service to our Community and Don Mahon was named “*Volunteer of the Year*” – well deserved. Very nice evening.

Open House is scheduled on March 30 from 7PM-8PM. We have mailed out 107 invitations to New Community members. If you are going to have a table, contact Linda Bondeson for reservations. Anyone willing to contribute a dessert, please deliver to The Hills between 6PM & 6:30PM on March 30th.

Stone Crabs Game Night will be April 29th – Fireworks Night – Bradenton Marauders will *Lose* that night. Ticket sales will be on April 15th & 22nd at the RWA Office (646 Rotonda Circle) from 10am-1PM. Tickets are \$5 and \$5 & \$6 Food Vouchers. Cash or checks made payable to Charlotte County Stone Crabs. \$4 for parking – Pay at Park. Some residents purchase tickets and then ask for them to be donated – Big Brothers/Big Sisters and a couple of churches in the area.

Compliance – Richard Duggan (Chair)

Richard Duggan, Chair stated the Compliance Committee met on Monday, March 13th. We had 12 Brazilian pepper tree violations, but one (1) has been resolved. Decision on Mr. Young’s matter will be tabled until the County decides whether to fine him or not. The owner at 189 Mariner Lane will be fined \$600. Repeat Violator. Chairman Duggan indicated that he has a new member to add to the Committee, Henry McConnell. **President Kulp moved the Board to approve Henry McConnell as a member of the Compliance Committee. 2nd by Director VanScyoc. Motion carried unanimously.**

President Kulp moved the Board to execute the fines as approved by the Compliance Committee. 2nd by Director Killion. Motion carried unanimously.

Deed Restrictions – John Matuza (Chair)

Chair John Matuza stated that at the March 14, 2017, a motion was passed to present to the Board, for their review, a draft of the revised Deed Restrictions dated March 14, 2017. For clarity, only the pages that have any revisions are attached.

The Committee also recommended adding a Table of Contents/Index to the Deed Restrictions. Discussion ensued. **Director Traverso moved the Board to hold a Workshop to review the proposed Deed Restriction Changes. 2nd by Director Perkins. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chair Matuza also indicated that George Hutton and he have also made changes to the Residential Modification Guidelines. These will be given to Director VanScyoc to discuss with his Committee.

Residential Modification – Director VanScyoc (Chair)

Director VanScyoc stated there were 88 applications. The breakdown: Painting including driveways (42) ; Window replacement (3); Replace/repair front door (5); Roofing (11); Fence/Site Screens (12); Driveway Extension (1); Replace Dock (1); New Pool, deck & cage (3); Decorative driveway concrete (2); Concrete walkway (1); Lanai replacement (1); Attached garage (1); Solar panels (1); Solar attic fan (1); Flag pole (1) and Propane Tank (1).

Unfinished Business

Director Traverso stated the ratification of the purchase of new tractor & mower needs to be completed. **Director Killion moved the Board to ratify the purchase of additional tractor & mower. 2nd by Director Traverso. Motion carried unanimously.**

Director Kelly wanted to know if the impact fee for the new building is being re-evaluated by the County taking into consideration what the Golf Course paid in impact fees for that property. Manager Feldkamp stated that he is working with Banks Engineering along with the information obtained from Director Kelly and John Peszko and with information Manager Feldkamp has interpreted. Manager Feldkamp is also working with Ms. Weaver at the County. An appeal cannot be made by RWA, it must come from the Engineer. Discussion ensued. Banks Engineering is compiling the Appeal.

New Business & Correspondence – President Kulp (Chair)

Letter received from Ray & Sandy Gambardella, 5 Bunker Terrace, writing from their permanent address in England.

The letter raises their concern about the RWA not getting proper income from Florida Water Management and vacant lot owners to offset the nearly one-third of the Association's annual budget expended in contracts to mow vacant lots and canal banks and to maintain the Rotonda River and canals. This is a topic that has been addressed in Board meetings before on several occasions.

The entire response from President Kulp can be heard on the recording on the Web Site.

Member's Input Non-Agenda Items - None
Director Input - None

The meeting Adjourned at 3:15PM.

Next Meeting of the Board of Directors is **FRIDAY-April 21, 2017 at 2PM at 3754 Cape Haze Drive.**

The Entire Meeting can be heard on the Web Site.

Respectfully Submitted,
Claudette Romano
Lead Administrator

Attachments

Properly Noticed Agenda
Sign-in Sheets
Treasurer's Report
Manager's Report
Community Relations Report
Residential Modification Report
Response to Communication
Board Motions