

FOREST PARK PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
April 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Lou Smith at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There were 44 members in attendance which did not constitute a quorum so this meeting will be for information only.

Sheila Fitzgerald, Secretary performed a roll call

OFFICERS

President, Lou Smith	Present
1 st Vice President, Jan Orlando	Present
2 nd Vice President, Betty Campbell	Present
Sheila Fitzgerald, Secretary	Present
Treasurer, John Wright	Excused

DIRECTORS

Bob Carson	Present
Mike Desmond	Present
Pete Lawrence	Present
Lowell Redick	Present
Roger Wagner	Excused

Eight (8) Officers and Directors were present.

Minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting were read. **Motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jonie Emery. Seconded by Nick Nufryk. Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer's Report, John Wright: John was excused from this meeting, but he provided copies of the Treasurer's report for the month of March which were distributed to members. **A motion was made by Bob Lang to waive the reading, and accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ron Price. Motion carried unanimously. (See attachment 1)**

Speakers: David Rice, North Ft. Myers Fire Chief and Frank Rizzo discussed fire safety and the need to increase the millage rate.

They discussed the different services they perform, such as sharps program CERTS, File of Life, etc. They also explained about the different types of smoke alarms, as well as the different types of fire extinguishers and their proper use. They also explained the reasons that they desperately need an increase in the millage rate. They have been capped at the current rate of \$2.50 for 13 years, and have downsized as much as they possibly can. They are asking for an increase of \$1.00, from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value of your home. They stressed the importance of voting affirmatively on this issue on August 30th. Please the attached FAQ sheet for more details on this important issue. (See attachment 2)

Committee Reports

Betty Campbell---She still has a few homes that need to be washed and are in need of mowing. She asked residents who are leaving to go up north, be sure that Mary knows who is in charge of their lawn service. She said it was a nightmare last year and there is no way she is going to put up with it this year.

Bob Carson--- Pool report. The needed upkeep and cleaning was done on the pool prior to reopening. The first day the pool was reopened, a member slipped and fell coming out of the pool. After discussing the problem with Bo McClain it was decided that a sealer containing sand would be

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applied to improve the traction when walked on with wet feet. This has been completed. Bob thanked Bo for all his hard work applying the coating to the deck for us. Bo was presented with a certificate of appreciation. Bob thanked Jim Schleter and Gary Loughrige for volunteering to check the pool chemicals on the weekends. Bob said that since we don't have any cabana boys to put the furniture back, please put the furniture back in place and put the umbrellas down before leaving the pool area.

Bob Carson--Construction report—Peace Lake was very busy this past month. The construction committee approved an additional driveway at one home, as well as widening and extensions at several others. Lattice work around the car port at 457 Jacaramba was also approved. Bob also reported that due to a safety concern expressed at the board meeting, a decision was made to put up a temporary handrail on the donated wooden walkway. He volunteered to do it and was able to get it done for about \$70.00. It is now in place and offers more security to people with limited balance.

Mike Desmond ---Grounds--Mike said his report tonight is that he is not going to say anything more about the gazebo. This brought laughter and applause from the membership.

Sheila Fitzgerald: No report

Pete Lawrence: He is changing the hours for the maintenance staff on Tuesday and Friday from 7:00 to 6:30 to enable them to get their small chores in the buildings done between 6:30 and 7:00 and begin trash pick-up promptly at 7:00. He said he wants the membership to know what's going on. The new hours are as follows:

Butch will works Monday 7 to 3:30, Wed. 7 to 10, Tuesday and Friday 6:30 to 3:00

Dan's hours are Tuesday and Friday 6:30 to 3:00, Wed. and Thurs. 7:00 to 3:30. They will have a 10 minute break in the morning and in the afternoon, and will get a 30 minute unpaid lunch. They will not work on holidays unless there is an emergency. Pete also suggested that in season, the maintenance and office staff park over by the bocci court, in order to leave the parking spots in front of the office available for office visitors.

Jan Orlando: Jan read a letter she received from Kay Westall. Kay and the Knotty Pine Knots Quilters graciously donated all the labor and materials for the very lovely cover for our new sound system, and we thank them for their generosity. They are going to follow a new method for cleaning the grill in the kitchen using vinegar and ice cubes. The repairs required by the fire inspector's work order have been done. She thanked Dean Hull for installing some cost saving LED lights in the clubhouse.

Re: the gazebo, since it has a roof, it has been determined that it is a building and Jan will now be in charge of it. Bear in mind that anything done in that area will be temporary, until agreed upon by the membership in the fall. Bob did a fantastic job of putting up the safety rail on the walkway. We need to put a temporary wedge at the front of the ramp to avoid a tripping hazard. We are going to remove the pea gravel from in front of the steps and make use of the leftover sod which is going to waste right now, over by the maintenance shed. The pea gravel will also be put to good use to fill in the area over by the pine trees so it will no longer need to be mowed or weed whacked.

She discussed fixing the fountain to get it going again. Bob Carson spoke up and said he knows what's wrong with it and he can fix it. Jan is going to have Bo paint the back walks and the patio over the summer in the same finish he used on the front walks. She also mentioned just as an FYI, she has

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heard that the county is going to be enforcing the bed tax and Florida sales tax on rentals. This means that people who rent out their homes may be subject to these taxes. This has nothing to do with the board or the park. She is only mentioning it as an FYI to those who rent out their home.

Lowell Redick, Trash & Recreational Vehicle Area (RV Area): Our 35 yard waste compactor is in need of being replaced at a cost of approximately \$23,000. He is also looking into the pros and cons of leasing or repairing. He has had four signs made for the RV area so residents will know which dumpster to use for the various types of refuse.

Announcements: Lou gave this reminder for Doug Ford. If you are leaving Forest Park for the summer, take down your Wi-Fi antenna if you are able to, so it doesn't get struck by lightning. If you are not able to take it down, be sure you unplug it.

Lou also reminded folks about the mail carrier food drive to be held on May 15th.

No reports from social club or health and welfare since all activities are over until the fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by motion of Milton Herrick. Motion seconded. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Sheila Fitzgerald, Secretary