

**Holiday Park Park & Recreation District
Board of Trustees Workshop
October 11, 2022 @ 9:00am**

I. Call to Order

John Rabideau called the meeting to order @ 9:02 am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation

Invocation given by Sharon O'Reilly

III. Roll Call

Taken by Sharon O'Reilly

Present: Chairperson John Rabideau, 2nd Vice Chair Bob Bachman, Treasurer Don LaMaster, Secretary Sharon O'Reilly, Asst. Secretary Deborah Perla, Trustee Jim Oliver, Trustee Donna Mills, Trustee Karin Anderson (by phone), District Manager Brett Burmann, and Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Burleigh.

Motion for Karin Anderson to participate by phone by Deb Perla, 2nd by Sharon O'Reilly, motion carried.

IV. Resident Comments

There were multiple concerns expressed by residents regarding disaster expenditures. William Mitchell emphasized the importance of written contracts approved by all Trustees. Brett Burmann responded that we have a written contract with our main contractor John Odom with a daily cost of \$19,000 which includes 30 workers and 11 pieces of equipment. Cheryl Morris was also concerned that the entire board of Trustees participate in financial decisions and not relinquish this authority to the District Manager. William Mitchell asked Don if any cash has been spent to date and Don responded that \$10,000 has been withdrawn but not spent, nor have we used either of our two credit cards. Mr. Mitchell was also concerned with loss of revenue and assessments that may not be

collected in the future. Brett stated this area was unclear. Don LaMaster believes we will get paid by the county by the end of May and that the county will handle the people who are in arrears.

Residents including Jackie Mitchell were concerned with how we will access FEMA funds. Brett Burmann stated our attorney specializing in FEMA. Brett is concerned that HP is underinsured and advised us that we will need to use HP funds to pay for cleanup in the interim. The Insurance adjuster is coming this Friday, 10/14/22

Multiple residents including Kathy Bachman, William and Jackie Mitchell, and Charlene Livesay discussed looking at applying for grants and are willing to help with this process. Brett stated he wanted to utilize the expertise of residents who had expertise in this area.

Cheryl Babcock expressed her thanks for all the FB chatter updates that kept snowbirds informed during the aftermath of the hurricane.

V. New Business

1. Disaster Expenditures – Hurricane Ian

Brett gave an update on cleanup help.

He hopes to keep our main contractor, John Odom for 3 weeks.

Graber Construction is working on debris removal from the backs of homes at a cost of \$1800/day.

Blue Heron has a 5-person team helping with debris removal. Our lawn company, Brightview has not responded, and Brett is working with our attorney to end our contract with Brightview.

HP is paying the group of Mexican workers who are cleaning around homes.

Brett is working on getting approved vendors to have window signs. Don LaMaster reported that we only have \$900, 000 left in restricted and operating funds and that this will not be enough to complete cleanup. We

cannot get a traditional loan, so he is requesting the use of up to \$300,000 of our bond money to be used for cleanup. **All Trustees agreed to move this to the main meeting agenda for vote.**

Many residents had concerns about a new fence. Brett advised that this was approved by the board at the last emergency meeting on 10/08/22.

Jim Oliver stated he thought that we were spending money too fast and that we needed to prioritize expenditures and put a cap on expenditures. Residents including Roy Auger, and Cheryl Morris agreed. There was concern that we allocate money according to a timeline, but Brett stated this was difficult.

Deborah Perla was concerned about removal of undamaged trees and Brett stated that only damaged trees were being removed. There was a discussion between residents regarding removal of damaged trees and metal caught in trees and liability issues. Also, some residents have trees down in swales and thought that swale cleanup should be a priority.

There was a discussion regarding residents asking hired contractors for help with personal yard cleanup and Jim Oliver reinforced that each resident is responsible for the cleanup of their own property.

Bob Bachman expressed concern that debris was not being properly sorted.

Deborah Perla stated that LLC owned properties were not being cleared and Brett Burmann stated he would look into it.

Sharon O'Reilly expressed concern about many pole lights being down. Karin Anderson responded that these were the responsibility of the City of North Port and Brett stated he would contract the city.

Pauline Hyson of Amoko Ct. was concerned about the District going bankrupt and Jim Oliver stated that the Board would do everything in their power to prevent this from happening.

Deborah Perla asked about the reopening of the Phase I pool and Brett

hopes to have it open by the end of the week.

Brett states the laundry room is open 24 hours a day. The Board prefers the house of 8am to 7pm, and Deborah Perla volunteered to lock the doors at 7pm.

Brett has 1-foot magnetic strips in the office for anyone who wants one to help pick up nails/screws in their neighborhood.

2. Renovations – Generator

3. District Manager Spending Limit Increase

Discussion tabled.

4. Additional Staffing – Maintenance / Grounds

Discussion tabled.

VI. Supplemental Items

1. RVs on lots during restoration of homes

There was a long discussion between multiple residents and the Board regarding allowing residents to park RVs on their properties. The Board approved RV parking for 4 months at the Oct 8, 2022, meeting. Donna Mills will write up an agreement between RV owners and the District for this 4 month period outlining resident responsibilities regarding electricity and sewage. Several residents felt that this dateline should be expanded and that there should be some provision for electricity and sewage removed.

The Board agreed to table further discussion until Brett consulted with the District Attorney as to the legality of RV use on private property under HB 1855.

2. Assistance of ARC, Men's Club

John Rabideau wants to ask the Men's Club and ARC if they have any funds available. Jim Oliver stated we needed to ask for a specific use for these funds. There was discussion among residents and the Board as to use of these funds. Suggestions included District beautification, repair of outdoor amenities, repair of gazebo and repair of Phase 2 pool. Brett commented that phase 2 pool repair has already been approved and he is looking at the timeline of Nov or Dec.

Bob Bachman will discuss funding with both the Men's Club and ARC.

3. Letter to City Manager

Sharon would like to write a letter on behalf of HP to the city Manager for his willingness to help with the power outage. She will facilitate this. Karin Anderson suggested the letter be written on official HP letterhead.

4. Cost-electric inspections

Brett stated that Venice Electric will bill each homeowner for electrical inspection during the power outage.

VII. Trustee Comments

Deb Perla - thanks all the residents for their help, prayers.

Donna Mills - in agreement with Deb, Thank you to residents

Sharon O'Reilly – In agreement. Thanks to residents

Jim Oliver – Proud of Holiday Park

Bob Bachman – Dave & Teresa have postponed concert to Oct 26, 22. Watch

electronic sign. Venue will be Clinch/Livesay yards.

Karin Anderson – reinforced the need for legal advice to make sure we remain in compliance with HB 1855.

VIII. Resident Comments

Bill Mitchell asked about Phase I remodel and Brett stated we are on schedule.

Part of Phase I roof was damaged in the storm. Brett is also working with Wessel Construction to get information on rebuilding amenities.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bob Bachman, 2nd by Donna Mills, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned @ 10:49am

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon O'Reilly