

Public Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Members present: President Swallers, Directors DuPratt, Robison, and Zupan.

Staff present: Manager Cleveland

President Swallers called the meeting to order and the first order of business were the new members. President Swallers stated that there were 23 new members/families to the community. Director Zupan made a motion to approve the 23 new members, seconded by Director Robison the motion carried 4-0.

The board report was next on the agenda. President Swallers stated that for the last 10 months he has highlighted an organization out here who has served this community and made it what it is today. He continued that there is one amenity out here does not have any fundraising associated to it, and this is our parks. He said that the Lions contribute to Lions park, but the other parks could use some TLC and people to volunteer to start some summer programs. He continued by reminding all that the board will be meeting with the Arsh Group next week and setting up a time for a public meeting with them. He said that this board is not tying the hands of future boards, it is about what our community wants and can afford. President Swallers ended by saying one of our greatest privileges is to vote as Americans, and he encouraged all to vote for their favorite candidates.

Next was the Community Manager's report and you may read it in its entirety in the September Seasonal.

The Treasurer's report was given by Director Robison as Director Tul is finishing up his Leader Dog training this week in Michigan. Out of 2732 property owners, 2154 have made full payment, 343 remain on the quarterly, 152 are on the half payment, 18 are on payment plans and 65 properties need to make some form of payment. As of July 31, 2018 our cash on hand was 2,653,000 million, out of that number \$611,227 is reserved funds.

Next was old business from the board and President Swallers stated that the board had come up with a solution to the neighbor that lived next to the Golf Maintenance barn; he was in the audience and he was grateful and said it was working.

There was no old business from the residents.

Next was new business, Mr. Schmidt's variance was the first item. The board asked him to explain why he needed a variance. He stated that the natural flow of the back yard makes it very hard to have the shed placed where the covenants state it should be placed. The board asked if the place setting he wants to use meets Porter County's set back requirement. He did not know if it did. Manager Cleveland stated that we had received 3 calls from neighbors with no complaints; one neighbor was in the audience and said he had no complaints as well. The board stated that they would discuss this variance request and Manager Cleveland will let Mr. Schmidt know their decision.

Nancy Mattel stated she was here with Linda Eisnehauer, and wanted to ask the Board of Directors why they won't allow her to sell the blue lights at the final concert. She stated that all the proceeds are going to the Public Safety Department and she has a little over \$500.00 so far. She stated that REMC donated

350 blue lights for this fundraiser. The board explained to her that she would have to go through the fundraisers as they are the only group allowed to sell during the concerts. Discussion ensued, and the board stated that they would reconvene and discuss this issue.

Resident Gutehewsky asked if speed bumps could be used somewhere from the corner of Park Place and Westover to the end of Sunrise as there is no stop sign to make people slow down. President Swallers stated that the board spoke about this at the Executive Meeting, and at this time we are going to enforce the speed limits, and give tickets; we have installed some key stop signs in hopes of reducing speeds. Resident D. Stocky asked if Kingsway is the only street where the stop signs went in; there was one put on Deervalley Dr., President Swallers stated. She asked if there would be electronic speed signs, and President Swallers stated that Porter County has said that we can use theirs on the Porter County side but we have yet to receive it.

Resident D. Hubbel asked about the Master Plan. President Swallers stated that next week we will be meeting with the steering committee and soon we will host a meeting with the community to give them the results of the Master Plan.

D. Schmidt asked about the CUII meeting on Wednesday, and asked if our attorneys were going to be present. Manager Cleveland stated that this is their meeting. Director Robison stated that this is our resident's time to ask any questions, they are coming out here to answer questions and help you understand your water bills, customer service reps will be here to schedule appointments for residents. President Swallers stated that they own their own infrastructure; not the POA. Discussion ensued on this hot topic, resident Wencil stated that when he asked for them to come inspect his meter he was told that it would cost him \$3000.00. Resident D. Schmidt asked how we could have another water company service us. President Swallers stated that the IURC are the ones in Indianapolis who regulate the utilities in the entire state. Resident Whiten questioned the \$3000.00 to test the meter. The board said they are not aware of that, but present that at Wednesday's meeting they stated. The question was asked if we have an alternative company could we receive Lake Michigan water. The answer was no, our water shed does not flow back to Lake Michigan. Resident Zackiewicz said that we are on the Atlantic side and can't receive Lake Michigan water—our sewer water doesn't go to Lake Michigan. Resident L. Rogers stated that back in 2000 Lowell received Lake Michigan water with the help of Gary Mayor Scott King; it cost them millions of dollars to receive this water. Landscape meters can be purchased at a cost of \$59.00, must be installed by a licensed plumber, and must be maintained each year by a licensed plumber; so it is expensive and residents must decide if that cost is worth the outside meter. Director Robison stated that the POA fought the increase and for two years residents did not receive an increase. All are paying more. There is a new law that was just passed that allows for the utilities to turn off their water if they are not allowed to come inside individual's homes for inspections. They based the increase on usage of 3500 to 5000 gallons; this is "normal" usage.

Resident Christ questioned advertising your business outside your home with a bounce house inflated for days. She thought this was not allowed per the covenants, also, there is no pump on the pool at the house in question on Rustic Lane. President Swallers stated that the board would look into this property.

Resident Whiten stated that she came to the POA office and took 11 new ballots on Friday to her neighbors in the brown condos; as they said they did not receive the new ballots; they are confused and she fears others will be too. President Swallers stated that we have mailed a new ballot, put statements on all of our social media outlets about the error and the yellow ballot is the correct ballot. It was stated that traditionally we only have between 600 and 700 ballots returned. Resident L. Rogers stated that all

ballots should be counted; what happens if somebody voted on the white ballot but not the yellow. Resident Rachoy asked the board their feelings on counting the white and yellow ballots. Resident H. Rogers questioned why the board had anything to do with the second mailing it should have been up to the Election Committee. Manager Cleveland stated that once the error was notice time was of the essences to get the "new" ballot out. He stated that he had discussed it with Jean, the Election Chair. Resident Lugo stated that this committee is made up of 8 to 10 residents who have been serving the committee for many years, and it is in need of new blood. She asked for residents to become involved, this committee only meets for a few hours a year; October is coming up and she encouraged all to get involved. Resident Green asked what caused the double mailing. Director DuPratt stated that it was a typographical error.

Resident Niemeyer stated that he is concerned at how many people are coming into the community and using our beaches and he has heard one boasting of launching a boat. President Swallers stated that our Public Safety Department does spot checks as does the Lakes Patrol. However, at Sandy Beach we do allow outside residents to be part of the parties that happen at the picnic shelters, so we can't question all of the cars without stickers. Resident Parduhn questioned why we can't have a barcode gate at the front entrance. Resident H. Rogers stated that an automated gate at the front would never happen due to the volume of cars that come into that entrance. Director Robison stated that what a lot of residents may not know is that we have taken steps with barricades installed up there so the building doesn't get hit, and on those barricades is a camera that takes a picture of the cars license plates that stop at the front gate.

Resident Zackiewicz asked if there was a direct contact number for Lakes Patrol because by the time he calls the Public Safety building the "crime" on the lake is history. President Swallers stated that is the way to contact Lakes Patrol.

There were no announcements, and with no further business to come before the board Director Zupan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Robison the motion carried 4-0.