

# **Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.**

## **Board Minutes, August 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**

Location: St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church, 8700 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241

Proper Notification of meeting permanently posted on sign at the guardhouse.

Board meets on the third Monday each month.

MVRIA Rule Meeting Attendance Reminder is posted and available on  
MVRIA website (MVRIA.com)

Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:14 and declared a quorum. Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Karen Abbattista, Vicki Butler, Deb Houston, Mary Mapp, Heather Nestle, Lynn Reid, and Wendy Ying. Amy Chenard was absent with apologies.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING July 17, 2017.**

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for July 17, 2017. Jennifer Peeples seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Presentation of the MVRIA Multi-Year Road Plan**

Frank DiCicco made the motion to add Gary James and John Aquiline to the Roads Committee. Jennifer Peeples seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Frank DiCicco presented the MVRIA Multi-Year Road Plan then answered questions.

Q: What about stop signs?

A: There will be stop signs at all intersections.

Q: Should drainage be done first? Are you doing the side roads like Kickapoo?

A: Driveway culverts will be repaired and cleaned even on side roads. The county has responsibility for major drainage ditches.

Q: Aren't the culverts under driveways the homeowners' responsibility?

A: The plan is to fix all culverts rather than go after homeowners. Once they are repaired, the Association will proceed to make regulations to keep the homeowners responsible.

Q: Will the people working on drainage be careful not to cut Myakka Communication wires?

A: Yes. Myakka Communications will mark everything.

Q: In Saddle Creek, trails were negatively impacted when the county cleared them.

A: The MVRIA Saddle Trail Committee will supervise/work with the county to make sure that is not a problem in Myakka Valley.

Front easements will not be dug out. Driveway culverts will be cleaned. A berm has been

created along the sides of the road that keeps the water on the road. The contractor will shave the berms down so that the roads are higher and won't hold water.

Q: Will the road be widened at curves? Will we add curbs?

A: Curbs hold in water, so we will not add curbs. Widening the curves may encourage speeding. Caution signs and striping will be used to mark curves.

Q: What is going to be done where the roads have been widened for a short distance?

A: The road edge will be tapered.

Q: Will there be a stop sign on Myakka Valley Trail on Kickapoo? People need to slow down there. It is so dangerous.

A: The Roads Committee will look at that. A speed table might be a consideration.

Q: Why don't we widen the roads so that vehicles don't have to drive off the side?

A: Country roads are thought to be self-regulating for speed because of their width. Widening the road would be extremely expensive.

Q: If there are bare areas, will they be filled? Could shell be used?

A: We planned on sod. We will consider shell.

Q: Why not use recycled concrete?

A: We will consider that.

Q: Wouldn't road tree islands be a liability for the homeowner?

A: As long as something is maintained and visible it should not be a liability. The idea of tree islands is for the future, but is too expensive for right now

Q: What happens if the security gate breaks?

A: The gates can be removed. Guard gates could lower your homeowner's insurance up to 20%.

Q: People speed through the wrong side of the guard gate.

A: We could put in a gate on only the outgoing side.

Q: Putting up gates could cut down on the poaching problems, stop people from trespassing, and cut down on the speeding problem.

A: We will need to promote a new mentality in the Valley.

Q: There are gates in Saddle Oaks, and the message board is there so people can read it while they wait the 5 seconds to get out.

Q: Thank you for all your work. When will the cell improve the reception out here?

A: They will eventually add additional antennas.

Q: Will the gates impact the fire station?

A: They will have a way to open the gate from the station.

Q: When could the speed limit be changed, speed limit signs be posted, and speed tables be put in?

A: The Road Committee will present options to the MVRIA Board. The Board will vote on the initiatives. The Roads Committee and the Board will listen to homeowner concerns.

Q: People who do the speed limit now will obey the speed limit if it is lowered. People who speed will just keep speeding. Where will the speed table be?

A: There will be two tables on Myakka Valley Trail. We have to do something or we are liable because our membership has asked the board to address the issue. Many people just don't understand what the speed limit is (i.e. repairmen, Fed-Ex, etc.).

Q: Will the police patrol the roads if we ask them to?

A: No.

Q: I am impressed by how the board meetings are run.

A: Thank you.

Q: Could the names of the people on the Roads Committee be printed in the Trails N Tales?

A: Yes.

Frank DiCicco made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jackie Vlzzi. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27.