

Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.

Board Minutes, January 18, 2021 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)

Present: Frank DiCicco, Mike Bakowski, Vicki Butler, Deborah Houston, Heather Nestle, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Wendy Ying, and Brenda Zimmerman.

Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:05.

Frank DiCicco made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2020. Jennifer Peeples seconded the motion, and they were approved unanimously.

1. **President's Report:** Frank DiCicco made a motion to hold a board meeting in February to approve the budget, and not have a meeting in March. Jennifer Peeples seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
The Annual meeting will be scheduled for April 17, 2021 unless the church is already booked. In that case, the meeting will be held on April 24, 2021.
Frank DiCicco's seat may be open. Mary Mapp, Deb Houston, Paula Moon, Wendy Ying, and Brenda Zimmerman will be up for new terms.
2. **Vice-President's Report:** Jennifer Peeples reported that two more loads of riprap are needed near the bridge. Jennifer Peeples made a motion to purchase the riprap from Big Earth for \$1500. Vicki Butler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
Brenda Zimmerman reported that there is some wash out near the road across the street from Obar. Gator Paving will look at that; it is part of the road project.
3. **Secretary's Report:** Jackie Vizzi presented the committees and committee members for 2021. She passed around the list for review.
Jackie Vizzi made a motion to increase the bulletin board repair fund from \$100 to \$200. The top half of the board will be covered by plexiglass. Heather Nestle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The budget will need to be passed in February in order to be ready for the Annual Meeting in April. Frank DiCicco made a motion to keep the dues the same. Jennifer Peeples seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Frank DiCicco presented a proposed budget for feedback. There will be an annual fee for the internet to the guardhouse. Heather Nestle suggested that the board should budget for trimming the trees on the easements.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Frank DiCicco wants to have another call session in February to urge members to pay their dues. Members who are delinquent for two years will be taken to small claims court.
Money is moved from the operating account to the road reserve account three times a year. The operating account is at about \$81,900.

Our attorney, Jim Burgess, is paid in full at this point.
Jackie Vizzi will request a new bank and signature card from PCM.

5. Document Revisions and Lawsuits Committee: Jim Burgess continues to work on the 18-member lawsuit. Becker & Polikoff worked on the document revisions and revitalization. Revitalization and legal fees should be a line item in the next budget. Revitalization should be planned for 2022.
6. Saddle Trails, Easements and Ditches Committee: Frank DiCicco thanked Heather Nestle and Eddie Oyer for meeting him at the park to find a plan to better to secure the parks. The goal is to keep trucks that will damage the wetlands out of the area. Heather Nestle explained that the fencing around the north park is old and brittle. Hefty posts will be set in concrete and cable will be strung through the posts. There will be a heavy pipe gate that will be welded on the hinges. There will be a padlock on the gate and on the gate at the park on Old Ranch Road. Members can get the combination to the Old Ranch Road park from a board member.
Frank DiCicco made a motion to spend \$8,729.63 to secure the parks if there is enough left in the operating account. Wendy Ying seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. Community Awareness and Security: Dale Ream will install cameras to monitor the park.
8. Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements and Overhanging Trees: Wendy Ying stated we need to change our compliance procedure to be enforceable. We would have to get membership approval to change our documents in order to fine people who are out of compliance. Frank DiCicco suggested that first the president contact the members who are out of compliance. Next a fillable PDF/stern letter be sent from the lawyer that would list the issues and the consequences of not following the deed restrictions.
Wendy Ying made a motion to approve the "Deaf Child" sign on Old Ranch Road. Frank DiCicco seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
9. Entrance Beautification: Jennifer Peeples reported that the Christmas lights need to come down because they start breaking down and they become very difficult to maintain. Jackie Vizzi will contact the company to remove the lights by February. Wendy Ying made a suggestion to light the trees in a different way.
10. Event Committee: Jackie Vizzi reported the committee met in November and will meet again via Zoom next month. Jackie Vizzi will suggest that no cash prizes be awarded for the gate decorating contest in the future. The Christmas parade event was great. Frank DiCicco suggested paying more in order to ensure we could still get the horse carriage for Santa. The committee will plan events for July 4th and for Halloween.
11. Trails and Tales: Wendy Ying has done a wonderful job on the TNT. It is fully self-supporting.
12. Resident Questions: None

Jackie Vizzi made a motion to adjourn at 9:20. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Peeples and passed unanimously.