

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

## **Board Minutes, June 19, 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 7:03 and declared a quorum. Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Amy Chenard, Deb Houston, Mary Mapp, Heather Nestle, Lynn Reid, and Wendy Ying. Karen Abbattista was absent.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING May 15, 2017.**

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for May 15, 2017. Jennifer Peeples seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **President's Report:** Frank DiCicco reported that many residents are live with Myakka Communications. The project was delayed in Myakka Valley because of a few residents who tried to block the progress. Frontier is contracted to get the cell tower, but still have not completed the connection.
2. **Vice Presidents Report:** No report.
3. **Secretary's Report:** No report.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Peeples reported that more than \$3,000 was carried over from last year's budget. As soon as the Entrance Beautification is complete, the \$10,000 grant can be cashed. Many past-due members have paid their dues. MVRIA has \$310,018 in the Road Reserve Fund.
5. **Document Revision and Lawsuits Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported that although the Lydays appealed the lawsuit, MVRIA is moving forward with the writ of garnishment and the foreclosure procedures. Their lawyer asked for an extension of 30 days. MVRIA agreed, but will move forward with collections. The Lydays produced a bond for \$100,000. A property on Kickapoo went into pre-foreclosure and paid \$1,100 in past dues. Another property on Kickapoo went into pre-foreclosure, a neighbor bought it and paid their past dues in full.

- 6. Saddle and Walking Trails, Easements, and Ditches Committee:** Heather Nestle reported that Wendy Ying obtained a second bid for saddle trail maintenance. Heather Nestle made a motion to accept George's 5-year contract for clearing the trails twice a year. Mary Mapp seconded the motion. George is licensed and insured. Several residents said they thought it would be a good idea to go with the 5-year contract in order to budget. The motion passed with 9 for and 1 (Jackie Vizzi) opposed. Last week a group of volunteers trimmed and cleared the trails through the park on ORR as well as some other trails. Heather Nestle thanked those volunteers. The county scheduled a summary judgement hearing against Bradley for this Wednesday. The county accepted the obligation to maintain the ditches and easements in Myakka Valley Ranches. Bradley has blocked the county from maintaining the culvert behind his house, which has collapsed. MVRIA has a stake in this because of safety and flooding.
- 7. Community Awareness and Security Committee:** No report.
- 8. Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** The variance for 6583 Old Ranch Road/ Lot 251 was notarized. The owner must file it with the court. Wendy Ying made a motion to amend the 5010 Vanderipe 11' variance that was approved at the last meeting to a 12' variance. The motion was seconded by Heather Nestle and passed unanimously. The owners at 6301 Sheps Island do not need a variance for their barn. At 5201 Myakka Valley Trail the county has approved the plan for a tree house. No variance is needed. Jackie Vizzi stated that the resident is in charge of completing the paperwork for the variance and presenting it at a board meeting.
- 9. Roads Committee:** The bank loan for \$300,000 was due to be approved because the Lyday lawsuit was won and less than 10% of the members were delinquent with dues. Because the Lydays' have appealed all 6 counts of the lawsuit, the bank has rescinded the loan until the appeal is resolved. This development will be disclosed to members in letter that goes with the Annual Report. Frank DiCicco spoke to the paving company, they may be willing to float part of the payment as the money is collected over time. The plan is to have Myakka Valley Trail paved all the way to Combee and Old Ranch Road paved almost to Sheps Island this winter. There will be a workshop in August dealing with the road project, the speed limit, and a guard gate.
- 10. Entrance Beautification Committee:** Jennifer Peeples announced the next work days are the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. each day. The stack stone will be installed. A second grant can be applied for after the first one is done. The new sign on the archway is up.

11. **Disaster Preparedness:** Jackie Vizzi stated there was a radio drill. Greg Schoonover and Bill Still will arrange another drill.

12. **Trails n Tales:**

- Volunteer Day
- People should mow their front ditches so that the water will flow
- Roads Workshop

13. Frank DiCicco made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Heather Nestle. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.