

**Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.**  
**Board Minutes, May 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM**

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 & available on  
MVRIA website (MVRIA.com)

Frank DiCicco called the meeting to order at 7:07 and declared a quorum. Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jennifer Peeples, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Deb Houston, Heather Nestle, Lynn Reid, Bill Still, Dan Taylor, and Wendy Ying. Vivian Zabik was absent with apologies.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING April 18, 2016.**

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2016. Jackie Vizzi seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- 1. President's Report:** Frank DiCicco reported that he has received a lot of positive feedback from residents about the 2016 annual meeting. Invoices for the annual dues were mailed this week. Frank DiCicco reported that there has been a rise in vandalism in the neighborhood: people have been tearing up the easements and the parks. It was noted that residents are responsible for the damages caused by their guests. Witnesses to vandalism are urged to call the police and should take a photo or video of the tag. Jennifer Peeples suggested imposing a fine or having vandals do community service. There will be more sheriff's deputies patrolling in the neighborhood.
- 2. Vice President's Report/ Entrance Beautification Committee:** Jennifer Peeples explained that the next phase in the beautification plan is to light up the oak trees that line the entry way. Valley Clean-up volunteers dug ditches for the wiring, and the nursery paid for all materials. Jennifer Peeples obtained approvals from the State Park and the county. The next step will be to run a source of water up to the front and to re-do the entryway signs. Jennifer Peeples thanked Mark McClintock for making us aware of the county grant program.
- 3. Secretary's Report:** Jackie Vizzi reported that the MVRIA Annual Report was filed April 19, 2016. Frank DiCicco passed the paperwork for the procedures for using the MVRIA debit card. The card is held at PCM and can only be used by the President, the Vice-President, and the Treasurer.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Jennifer Peeples stated that the April financials and the 2015-2016 Annual Report were not yet ready. Jennifer Peeples gave Jackie Vizzi a copy of the personal check she had to write at Costco for the supplies for the Annual Meeting.

Jennifer Peebles was reimbursed for this purchase. A payment was made to Leader Security. The new security equipment has been ordered.

**5. Document Revision and Lawsuits Committee:**

The Lyday lawsuit summary judgement hearing was on May 4, 2016. The opposing attorney tried to stop the hearing based on the fact that the filing of the Annual Report was not yet viewable online. The proof it was filed on time was sent to the court by the MVRIA attorney. If there is a summary judgement, mediation is scheduled for May 24. If there is no summary judgment, the trial is set for the end of July.

There have been a number of repetitive anonymous calls registering complaints and calling the county about possible permitting issues. These complaints are intended to harass neighbors, particularly board members. As soon as the Lyday lawsuit is over, anyone harassing the board members will be pursued through the courts.

Mark McClintock said our neighborhood is not agricultural. However, a permit should not be necessary for a farm building such as a pole barn or a chicken coop. Frank DiCicco recommended that residents who wish to build should make sure there are the proper set-backs and call the county to see if a permit is required.

**6. Roads and Road Assessment Committee:** Frank DiCicco reported that the Road Committee will convene in June. The goal is to start the project by the beginning of 2017.

**7. Saddle Trail Committee/ Ditches:** Wendy Ying reported that the Saddle Trail and Ditch Committees have been merged. There are ditches that the county is responsible for and some that the neighborhood is responsible for. Wendy Ying will find out which are which. Jackie Vizzi reported that the county has a map with all the ditches labeled. There is an issue of who is responsible for the culverts. Mark Postma from the county is willing to come and speak at a round table session before a board meeting. The Saddle Trail Committee is working on a comprehensive plan. Wendy Ying reported that the Wolbers purchased a property on MVT and cleared downed trees and barbed wire and widened the trail. Frank DiCicco thanked Wendy Ying for her great work on the committee.

**8. Community Awareness and Security Committee:** Frank DiCicco stated the new surveillance equipment will be installed this month.

**9. Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Signs, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** Bill Still said there was nothing new to report.

**10. Incident Response Team:** Jackie Vizzi reported she had a quick meeting with Vivian Zabik and Bill Still. The Westwood representatives were not there. They reviewed the procedure and structure for incidence response. Their aim is recruit more members. Disaster Planning Guides were obtained from the county. The team will analyze the present radio situation. They will publish emergency procedures and links in the TNT and establish a phone tree.

**11. Trails n Tales:** To be included in the President's Message:

- Dealing with vandalism. Encourage people to take photos and videos
- Thank T.J. at the nursery and the neighborhood volunteers.
- Welcome to the Neighborhood blurb for TNT.

**12. Residents' Questions:**

A phone tree can be made automatically using a commercial product. The member will investigate and bring the information to the next meeting.

Development is booming and seems to be pushed through with little regard for consequences. Frank DiCicco will run for county commissioner in our district which is District 1. Carolyn Mason is retiring, the Republican primary is in August.

Jennifer Peoples stated that they are having a rally for Frank DiCicco in June.

Frank DiCicco made a motion to adjourn and Bill Still seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33.