

Myakka Valley Ranches Improvement Association, Inc.

Board Minutes, September 17, 2018 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 7:06 PM and declared a quorum.

Board members present were Frank DiCicco, Jackie Vizzi, Vicki Butler, Amy Chenard, Heather Nestle, Wendy Ying, Mary Mapp and Brenda Zimmerman.

Members absent: Deb Houston and Jennifer Peeples

APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST BOARD MEETING August 20, 2018.

Frank DiCicco moved to approve the minutes for the board meeting on August 20, 2018.

Jackie Vizzi seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

1. **President's Report:** Frank DiCicco reminded members to speak one at a time. He reported that Keith Bradley had lost his appeal on his lawsuit against the County. Thus, the County is responsible for our ditches per agreement. Myakka Valley Ranches has been taxed for years for this service. Frank DiCicco made the motion to have our attorney, Jim Burgess, prepare a letter to the County to work on the ditches including the culvert in Howard Creek Road. Heather Nestle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank DiCicco also reported on the Lyday's appeal. No answer has been heard yet.

There was a washout by the bridge because of the heavy rains. Last month, the Board approved to put filler/ cloth to contain the washout. This work came to \$590. But the work was not enough to prevent further erosion and on August 28 more filler and cloth had to be purchased in an emergency basis. Since it was a safety issue and the bank was eroding, the work had to be done and it came up to an additional \$987.

There was a traffic crash in which a young woman (paper girl) fell asleep at the wheel and crashed into Howard Creek by the bridge. She went to Frank DiCicco's house and got assistance there. Luckily, she survived with minor cuts and bruises and the emergency vehicles pulled her car out of the creek. Jennifer Peeples is currently working with the insurance on getting compensation for the broken fence and the damage to the ground.

There have been complaints on the unkempt state of the easement in Lot 37S which currently is under foreclosure. Frank DiCicco made a motion to have Patriot or George cut the grass in front of the property and send them the bill. Wendy Ying seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** Vicki Butler reports: MVRIA had \$384,799 in the Road Reserve account; \$28,006 was transferred into the account from this year's dues. This created a balance of \$417,562 in the reserves for the roads.
3. **Roads:** The Road Committee will be meeting to delineate a road plan based on Best Value/Best Price approach. They will be asking for sealed bids which will be sent to our attorney who will then present them to the Board for a vote. Possible date for this decision will be the November meeting.
4. **Saddle Trails, Easements, and Ditches Committee:** Heather Nestle reported that not much has been done to the trails because of the very rainy month. Some of the trails are having some erosion and washouts. The committee is looking into various methods for preventing these washouts. Some of the trails experiencing problems are: Singletree trail, Jake's trail and the Howard Creek trail.
5. **Community Awareness and Security Committee:** Someone driving a silver-grey Toyota SUV/car has been speeding in the neighborhood. It hit another vehicle on Sunday, September 16. Dale Ream is looking through the records and see if he can pin point the car.
6. **Compliance, Construction, Parks, Mowing, Variances, Easements, and Overhanging Trees:** Wendy Ying was happy to announce that the fence in lot #26 is finally done. She announced that her committee won't be doing signs so Signs will be under Roads.
7. **Events Committee:** Amy Chenard will have a meeting within a week to plan the upcoming Halloween event. They are presently looking into signs that will announce the event.
8. **Disaster Preparedness:** Radios are currently stored at Frank DiCicco's home.
9. **Trails n Tales:** Road safety, trimming trees and Halloween event
10. **Resident's Questions:** no questions
Jackie Vizzi made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Heather Nestle. Motion passed unanimously.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.