

SAPPHIRE SHORES RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC

www.sapphireshores.org

MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MARCH 19, 2014

Location: Southwest Regional Library
Room 225
16835 Sheridan Street
Pembroke Pines, FL 33029

Members of the SSRA Board of Directors in attendance:

Steve Dammann - President
Carlos De La Cruz – Vice President
Dennis Feltgen – Secretary
Igor Byczkowski – Treasurer

Not in attendance:

Nelson Crespo - Director of Community Affairs

Others:

George Prieto, Pines Property Management Co.

Community residents present: 10

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by SSRA President Steve Dammann

Old Business:

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the SSRA Community Meeting held on October 29, 2013, and posted on the Sapphire Shores website, are approved. The SSRA Secretary will provide the final version to George Prieto via e-mail.

2014 Budget

George Prieto stated that the financial status of the Sapphire Shores budget is sound.

Crime in Sapphire Shores

Miramar Police Officer Corey Bogus was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, George Prieto announced that, since January 1, 2014, the Sapphire Shores Community has experienced two incidents of car break-ins and burglary - one occurring on January 17th, the other on February 11th. In both cases, the vehicles were unlocked and items removed. Otherwise, the community has been quiet. In fact, crime is down 70 percent in the past year in Miramar district 10 (www.crimereports.com). This improved crime record is due to the continued vigilance of both residents and the SSRA Board. Remember, keep outside lights on, jewelry in a safe place, and have an alarm system with glass breakage and motion detection, as well as a cell unit to the alarm system (which goes off when the power and phone lines are cut). Your alarm must be registered with the City of Miramar by calling 954-602-4000. If you see anything suspicious anywhere in the community, call 9-1-1. You can remain anonymous.

Parking and Moving Violations

After more than a year of back and forth between representative legal counsels, there is still no agreement in place between the Silver Lakes Master Board and the Miramar Police Department that would permit MPD to ticket vehicular violators in Sapphire Shores and the remaining Silver Lakes communities in Miramar. All members of the SSRA BOD expressed their objections to the impasse. Dennis Feltgen has offered to advise local media of the issue.

Speed bumps

Steve Dammann raised the issue of speed bumps in Sapphire Shores. Nine bumps were added in Sapphire Shores in 2009. While the bumps have slowed the vehicle speeds somewhat, drivers are still speeding between the bumps, particularly on SW 173rd Ave, SW 22nd Street and SW 175th Avenue. Dammann will investigate why smaller communities in Silver Lakes have more speed bumps while Sapphire Shores was limited to only nine.

New Business:

Pool Area Upgrade

The pool cabana and perimeter columns were painted. New chaise lounge chairs and tables will be purchased and installed sometime this spring.

No Trespassing Signage in parking areas

In recent weeks, residents and several BOD members have witnessed loitering, drinking of alcoholic beverages and marijuana smoking in the common parking lots and cul-de-sacs in the community. Miramar PD have been called to disperse the violators, but notes that there is no signage prohibiting the loitering.

A motion was made by Steve Dammann to have a "no trespassing" sign prohibiting these actions be placed at each end of the parking lots and cul-de-sacs. Carlos De La Cruz seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously. George Prieto has been tasked to obtain the signage.

Open Forum with Homeowners

-A solicitor was going door-to-door during the past 48 hours, claiming to be a representative of a residential alarm company and claiming to have the permission of Steve Dammann to canvas the community. The solicitor does not have this permission. Several residents had the name and phone number of the solicitor, which was provided to George Prieto. The SSRA BOD asked George Prieto to send a "cease and desist" letter to the solicitor as soon as possible.

-A homeowner reported the presence of rats on the median at the entrance to the community, and along the fence line on SW 23rd Street. The SSRA BOD asked George Prieto to have an exterminator set up traps on the median.

-Several homeowners stated that they are not getting any response to their e-mails and phone calls to George Prieto and Pines Management on a number of different issues. Several SSRA BOD members expressed the same concern. Prieto said he will take up the matter with his supervisor.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. EDT

Recorded and submitted by:

Dennis Feltgen
Secretary, Sapphire Shores Recreation Association
Miramar, Fla.

dwfeltgen@gmail.com