

SAPPHIRE SHORES RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AUGUST 12, 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
Dennis Feltgen – Secretary
Igor Byczkowski – Treasurer

Not in attendance:

Carlos De La Cruz – Vice President
Nelson Crespo - Director of Community Affairs

Others:

George Prieto, Pines Property Management Co.
Officer Corey Bogus, Miramar Police Department

Community residents present: 6

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by SSRA President Steve Dammann

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the SSRA Community Meeting held on March 19, 2014, and posted on the Sapphire Shores website, are approved.

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 announced there have been six vehicle break-ins/burglaries in the Sapphire Shores community since January 1. All involved vehicles were unlocked. An arrest of a male residing at 17346 SW 20th Street was made last week in relation to these crimes. He is currently out on bail.

There were also two home burglaries in the community. One home did not have an alarm, the other had an alarm but without a glass breakage or motion detector. Officer Bogus strongly recommends adding these features, as it is easy for the burglar to break the window rather than trip the alarm seal.

Overall crime in Miramar Zone 10, which includes Sapphire Shores, is down 34 percent during the past 12 months. If you see anything suspicious anywhere in the community, call 9-1-1. You can remain anonymous.

Old Business:

No Trespassing Signage in parking areas

New signage was placed at each overflow parking lot in the community on August 11th. The signage, approved at its March 19th BOD meeting, is in response to complaints by residents and several BOD members who had witnessed loitering, drinking of alcoholic beverages, and marijuana smoking in the lots.

However, an error on the signage was noted by several attending residents, stating that no dog walking was permitted. The BOD instructed George Prieto of Pines Property Management to have the signage corrected as soon as possible. The cost for this correction will not be incurred by Sapphire Shores, as it was not its error.

The BOD agreed to spend an additional \$25 per week for the mowing vendor to clean up any trash in the overflow parking areas every Tuesday.

Parking and moving violations

After two years 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.

However, a flyer will be sent to all residents in the community, advising them of two points:

- 1) No commercial vehicles may be parked in the overflow lots or on the street.
- 2) All vehicles parked on the street must be facing with the flow of traffic.

Violators will be fined.

Rodents at entrance to community

Rats have been observed at the entrance to Sapphire Shores and along the partition walls. The BOD instructed George Prieto to get an estimate for an exterminator to determine the extent of the problem and a solution.

Damage to pool

During these summer months, costly damage to the pool area has occurred, including an arson in the ladies' restroom, vandalism to the plumbing the mens' restroom, and breakage of the glass dome lighting. Repairs are in progress.

The BOD instructed George Prieto to have the cameras realigned to cover any gaps in video coverage. If the realignment is not successful, an upgraded DVR and additional camera will be purchased so as to provide complete video surveillance.

As part of the 2015 budget, an expense will be added for the summer months for a dedicated security officer at the pool. This will be less expense than the cost of repairs due to vandalism.

New Business:

Christmas Lights at entrance

The BOD has two proposals for lighting at the community entrance for the 2014 Christmas season. It will decide via e-mail exchange on a single proposal and obtain a signed agreement.

FPI Security

Steve Dammann has a verbal agreement with the President of FPI Security for an FPI patrol officer to be present at the entrance to the community beginning August 18th, the start of the school year, to prevent vehicles from parking at the entrance. Parking is on SW 23rd Street.

Discussion of breaking ties with Pines Property Management

The BOD expressed its displeasure with Pines Property Management for its failure, on several occasions, to not carry out the request of the BOD in a timely fashion. George Prieto accepted responsibility for the delays, which was recognized and appreciated by the BOD. The matter is tabled.

Open Forum with homeowners

-Several residents complained of dogs not being on a leash or without an owner present. Some dogs have attacked their pets. It is a Broward County law, and also part of the Silver Lakes by-laws, that all dogs must be on a leash.

The BOD recommended that, if possible, take a picture of the animal and send it to George Prieto, who will then send a violation notice. Or, call Broward County Animal Control.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. EDT

Recorded and submitted by:

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