

**SAPPHIRE SHORES RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC**

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**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**May 24, 2016**

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

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. EDT by Sapphire Shores Recreation Association (SSRA) Board of Directors (BOD) president Steve Dammann

Members of the SSRA BOD in attendance:

Steve Dammann - President  
Dennis Feltgen - Secretary  
Igor Byczkowski – Treasurer  
Nelson Crespo - Director of Community Affairs

Absent:

Vacant position – Vice President  
Colleen Cheney, SilverLakes Master Board

Others:

MJ Balbontin, Property Manager for Sapphire Shores, Pines Property Management Co.  
Community residents: 6

**Review of Minutes from previous meeting**

The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting (January 26, 2016) was waived.  
The minutes are posted on the Sapphire Shores website – [www.sapphireshores.org](http://www.sapphireshores.org)

**Review of Violations Report**

-MJ Balbontin notes that, now that the rainy season has begun, homeowners will not be cited for failing to pressure clean the sidewalks, driveways and homes and rooftops.

-It was noted that, after a letter was sent out reminding homeowners that bulk pickup occurs on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, the number of violations has fallen.

**Financial report**

MJ Balbontin reports that the finances of Sapphire Shores are good. Spending is currently below budget limits. Per the request of SSRA BOD, she will check on how much interest is being earned on the operating and money markets accounts.

## **Old Business**

-The question was raised as to when the streets in Sapphire Shores will be repaved. MJ Balbontin reports that the paving in other SilverLakes communities is running ahead of schedule and discussions are underway with the paving company, but it is likely that Sapphire Shores will be repaved in 2017.

-It was noted that the City of Miramar has changed its standards for speed humps in the city limits. Despite the fact the Sapphire Shores roads are privately owned, they must comply. When the streets are repaved, Sapphire Shores will be brought into compliance.

-Dennis Feltgen raised the issue of the SilverLakes Master Board no longer wishing to consider negotiating with Miramar Police Department (MPD) to obtain a traffic agreement. For more than four years, MPD has not been able to issue tickets for moving and non-moving violations in any of the Silver Lake Communities. The SSRA BOD notes that the Sapphire Shores community was never built with the foresight of having more than two cars in a family and so, parking is a problem. However, if a vehicle is not parked in front of a driveway or mailbox, and is facing the direction with the flow of traffic, the Sapphire Shores BOD has no issues with parking. However, the issue of speeding along with careless driving is unacceptable issue. It is the BOD's opinion that the refusal of the SilverLakes Master Board to negotiate an agreement with MPD makes it culpable for any damage, injury or death in the community due to speeding and/or careless driving. The community has many new families with small children and their lives are being put at risk due speeder and the subsequent lack of traffic enforcement. Dennis Feltgen was asked to draft a letter to the SilverLakes Master Board to reconsider its position. MJ Balbontin will receive the final draft and send it to Master Board.

## **New Business**

-Bids for holiday lights at the entrance to Sapphire Shores will be taken in June by three companies. Lights would be installed in early November and turned on beginning Thanksgiving Night.

-Steve Dammann proposed that the BOD president have the authority to spend up to \$1500 on any line item with having the majority approval of the remainder of the Board. The proposal was adopted by unanimous vote. The BOD would be informed of any purchases.

-Added security at the community pool with begin on June 10<sup>th</sup> and continue through the summer months. Security will be present on Saturday and Sunday, plus a third floating day during the week. Homeowners will receive a copy of the pool rules in the mail before June 10<sup>th</sup>.

-A combination lock will replace the key lock to the security cameras at the pool. Comcast is working to repair/replace the modem by the end of the week. SSRA BOD are provided with the password to view the surveillance camera.

## **Open Forum**

-A resident asked why Sapphire Shores does not have a playground. Steve Dammann explained one did exist when the community was built in 1996. However, previous SSRA BODs allowed it fall into disrepair. By the time Dammann become board president, the equipment had be replaced. The price – as high as \$30,000 – was too high as was the cost of liability insurance. Because so few residents used the equipment, and quarterly fees would be raised significantly, the playground was converted into a picnic area.

-FPI Security personnel will now have body cameras for use during its patrol of the Sapphire Shores community.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. EST by Steve Dammann

*Recorded and submitted by:*

*Dennis Feltgen*

*Secretary, Sapphire Shores Recreation Association  
Miramar, Fla.*