

**MINUTES OF MEETING
LAKE ASHTON II
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The continued special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Lake Ashton II Community Development District held on September 20, 2019 was reconvened on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Lake Ashton II Health & Fitness Center, 6052 Pebble Beach Boulevard, Winter Haven, Florida 33884.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Doug Robertson
James Meccsics
Bob Zelazny
Stanley Williams
Carla Wright

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Assistant Secretary

Also present:

Jillian Burns
Mike Eckert
Alan Rayl
Mary Bosman

District Manager
District Counsel
District Engineer
Community Director

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Burns called the roll and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Agenda

There not being any additions or changes to the agenda, the next item followed.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comments on Specific Items on the Agenda *(speakers will fill out a card and submit it to the District Manager prior to beginning of the meeting. Individuals providing speaker cards will also have an opportunity to speak prior to Board action)*

Mr. John Velebir requested the Board to have the community vote as to whether or not the community wanted to purchase the golf course.

Mr. Steve Realmuto briefly discussed concerns with the purchase and sale agreement and asked how much it was really going to cost to purchase the golf course.

Ms. Joanne Hittner reminded the Board that selling outside community memberships would cause them to lose their tax exemption, asked if there were even enough members to support the golf course, and explained why it didn't make sense to rush into the purchase when the developer was still building homes within the community.

Ms. Janis Gordon briefly discussed concerns and issues with the purchase and sale agreement that would affect the community.

Mr. Pierre Duquette requested for the public comment section of the agendas at any Board meetings be moved to the end so everyone could see all of the presentations and materials before they started commenting.

Mr. Bob Sosinski briefly discussed how incorporating land from Lake Ashton CDD into Lake Ashton II CDD in order to purchase the golf course would cause issues to the homes in that area because the boundaries in Lake Wales would become noncontiguous.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Minutes of the August 9, 2019 Meeting

Mr. Robertson presented the minutes from the August 9, 2019 meeting, asked for any comments, and upon not hearing any, asked for a motion to approve them.

On MOTION by Mr. Mecsecs seconded by Ms. Wright with all in favor the Minutes of the August 9, 2019 Meeting were approved as-presented.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Discussion on Golf Course Acquisition

Mr. Mecsecs thanked staff and everyone working behind-the-scenes for all of the efforts and hard work to move forward with the golf course acquisition.

Mr. Eckert gave a brief presentation regarding the golf course acquisition and outlined the specifications of purchase and sale agreement. The contract would not be contingent upon any involvement of Lake Ashton CDD and negotiations were still in-progress and they were hoping to have the purchase completed by mid-December.

There was a brief discussion on the operating cost factors, how the golf course would be managed, and possibilities of assessments to help offset the costs.

Mr. Zelazny moved to approve the purchase and sale agreement with the amount of \$1.9 million inserted into the text for the budget amount and the motion was seconded by Mr. Mecsecs.

There was further discussion on the punchlist items related to needed repairs of the bridges, golf cart paths, fencing, and various other golf course related items.

On VOICE VOTE with Mr. Zelazny, Mr. Mecsecs, Mr. Robertson, and Ms. Wright voting aye and Mr. Williams voting nay, the prior motion was approved; passing 4-1.

The record will reflect that a brief recess was taken at this time.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Boulevard Palm Replacement Update

Mr. Zelazny discussed options for the treatment and/or replacement of dead palm trees and lighting along the main boulevard.

Ms. Helen Brown asked if solar lights were an option rather than wired lighting through TECO.

Mr. Robertson responded it might cause liability and safety issues if the lighting wasn't bright enough.

Mr. Zelazny indicated he would further research lighting options.

On MOTION by Mr. Mecsecs seconded by Ms. Wright with all in favor inoculation of the palm trees along the Boulevard was approved in the amount of \$1,000.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS General Public Comments

Mr. Zelazny discussed requests from the Winged Foot Pet Park to plant some of the crepe myrtle trees that were being located in the park, and also to install gazebos at both pet parks at no cost to the District.

Several members of the pet clubs discussed the benefits of installing the gazebos at the pet parks and emphasized there would be no cost to the CDD.

Mr. Mecsecs expressed concerns about lightning strikes because the gazebos presented were metal structures.

Ms. Wright expressed concerns that installing the shelters would take away from what the pet parks were meant for; to run and play without being hindered by pavers and covered structures.

On MOTION by Mr. Zelazny seconded by Mr. Robertson with Mr. Zelazny and Mr. Robertson voting aye and Mr. Williams, Mr. Mecsecs, and Ms. Wright voting nay; the motion to install gazebos at the pet parks failed 2-3.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Financial Reports

A. Approval of Check Run Summary

B. Combined Balance Sheet

Ms. Burns presented the check run summary, asked for any questions or comments, and upon not hearing any, asked for a motion to approve it.

On MOTION by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Mecsecs with all in favor the check run summary was approved.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

Mr. Velebir asked the Board to reconsider denying the installation of the gazebos for the pet parks.

Ms. Carol Corley expressed disappointment in the Board for denying installation of the gazebos at the pet parks since it wouldn't cost the CDD anything and also asked the Board to reconsider letting the pet clubs do so.

Ms. Iris Realmuto explained the dogs still got social interaction even if they were sitting idle rather than running around and also asked the Board to reconsider.

Ms. Cheryl Hedstrom indicated that sitting outside in warm temperatures with heat and sun exposure made the gazebos a necessity for the dog parks.

Ms. Karen Wacker also agreed shade protection was a necessity.

Mr. Tom McCartney also asked the Board to reconsider and expressed a need for shade in the hot weather.

Mr. Zelazny indicated more people spoke on supporting installation the gazebos than purchasing the golf course and asked the Board to reconsider.

On MOTION by Mr. Zelazny seconded by Mr. Robertson with Mr. Zelazny and Mr. Robertson voting aye and Mr. Williams, Mr. Mecsecs, and Ms. Wright voting nay; the motion to install gazebos at the pet parks failed 2-3.

There not being any further business, Mr. Robertson asked for a motion to adjourn.

On MOTION by Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Zelazny with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.


Assistant Secretary/Secretary


Chairman/ Vice Chairman