

The May 15, 2025 meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Dallas Seveland. Other committee members present were Kathy Bryant, John Conner and Allen McKay. Dan Wilshusen was absent. Guest present Zach Jacobson, Municipal Services Operations Manager; Katy Burton, Municipal Services Community Manager and LT. Julie Vowinkel, MCSO. There were 12 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item Public Comment (1):

Approval of Minutes (2A) April 17,,2025:

Motion made by McKay, seconded by Bryant to accept minutes April 17, 2025. (2A). Motion carried.

Committee Reports (3):

Building & Grounds: Conner reported all buildings in good shape. Clubhouse is still undergoing construction. Conner asked if the shuffleboard was included in the 5-year plan? Burton stated there isn't a formal renovation we are working on cleaning it up and useable.

Code: Vacant.

Levy County: Wilshusen absent,

Public Safety: McKay reported Fire/Rescue incidents were Fire forty- three (43) total and Medical one hundred and ninety-one (191) with Station 14 nineteen (19) Fires and three (3) Medical. Regarding the traffic signal. I have received from Kevin Marquez PE at FDOT. "Our consultant designer plans to submit their seventy-five (75%) draft by the end of the month. After submittal we will spend four (4) to six (6) weeks under review with multiple FDOT teams and other stakeholders including structural, geotechnical and traffic engineering to make sure the critical aspects of the project are looked at."

Recreation: Bryant reviewed recreation programs, clubs and events.

Roads: McKay reported that most roads are good and there is a lot of construction. At 450 Mandrake there's a big gouge in the road. Seveland asked Jacobson to explain the procedure. Jacobson stated that let us know and take note of the address. OCE will hold their certificate of occupancy until the road is fixed. Keep in mind repair work might not get done until they are finished with that project. So, we can hold them accountable.

Staff Report (3B) Burton reviewed program attendance numbers, expense and revenue summary for RLE General Government, RLE Recreation, RLE Road and Street, work orders and rentals booked YTD. Jacobson reported that the dumped trailer was received earlier this month, with that the boat ramp improvements were made. Our roads department has two (2) obsolete items getting ready for auction. Old mower deck and PTO driven generator. Money to return to our budget. Last month I adjusted the maintenance Tech. job description. RLE facilities mowing contract is out to bid, that is due this week. RLE landscaping & irrigation for front entrance of HWY 41. Forty-eight hundred (\$4800) to revamp irrigation in medians and annual flowers in medians around trees. The entry sign aspect of the original scope is on hold until FDOT completes their project at the intersection. 5-year annual road project went out to bid last week, expected back week of June 5th.

Committees/Guests (4):

LT. Julie Vowinkel, MCSO- Vowinkle warned against scam toll text messages. Advised no current crime trends.

Old Business (6):

(6A) Clubhouse Renovation/ Relief Center- Jacobson reported Club House remodel goes in front of BOCC Tuesday, May 20th for contract approval.

(6B) Boat Ramp Fees – Burton stated that she and Wicker have a meeting with the Marion County Administration and Legal Department on May 30th to discuss boat ramp and Levy County recreation fees, as well as their interest in changing the ordinance. The approach to the boat ramp has been fixed and much smoother.

(6C) Levy County Recreation Fees – Burton stated discussing fees with Marion County Administration and Legal on May 30th.

(6D) Designation of Fire Station as Building and Grounds garage – Motion made by Bryant, seconded by McKay, to designate RLEVFD Fire Station 2 as the new Building and Grounds Shop. Motion carried. Seveland recommended that the building receive a new signage stating the proper use of the facility.

New business/ Board items (7):

Prior Meeting Updates (8):

(8A) Signage - Seveland noted that during the previous year, the board voted to rename several community areas. Specifically: "Tiger Lake Park" was renamed "Tiger Lake Boat Launch." The area encompassing the majority of community buildings and the dock was designated as the Rainbow Lakes Estates Community Center Complex. The vicinity surrounding the former RLEVFD Station 2 and The Creative Art Center was named Winding Hills Park. It was also recommended at that time that appropriate signage reflecting these new names be installed at the respective locations. However, Seveland pointed out that no signage has been placed to date and inquired about the timeline for installation. Burton responded that it will be included in the sign project as well.

General Public Comment (9):

Steve Staitziger – Nectarine Lane – Staitziger stated is there a calendar for the Youth Center, so parents know what's going on? Burton responded there hasn't been any activities due to no Recreation Leader. Is there a ticket system for the "Meet & Eats?" So, we don't have staff preparing a large amount of food. Seveland responded they show ID at the door. What Kinda of advertising to get information out regarding the "Meet & Eat?" Burton responded that roadside signage is not allowed due to local littering

ordinances. Current advertising is mainly done through social media and the RLE Communicator. A new website is also in development. Staitziger asked think about supporting a scouting unit here. Seveland responded I think that is a good idea. Stritziger asked, "do we have a timeline for the lighting at the front. McKay responded about a year out. Stritziger stated RLEVFD has CPR instructors and are willing to provide CPR to the community there is a fee. Burton responded that RLE staff are CPR certified and that outside instructors are welcome to post, advertise, and hold classes at the center. Stritziger asked if it is possible to get the number of homes and permits in RLE. So, we can have better knowledge. Seveland stated that VFD use to show up with their Fire trucks at our events it would be nice for this to start up again. Staitziger responded just need an invite. Discussion followed.

Marci McKay – Bluegill – McKay stated that she wants to address the volunteer situation and the clubs we have. The board put me in charge of the volunteer committee. I have no way of knowing about any other volunteers. McKay asked Burton if they can get together and figure out who these people are and come up with a plan. Seveland stated when we came up with this committee to work with the District Office. Some members quit and the District Office was running a separate group. The idea was to work together. We have four (4) clubs and many ideas. Burton responded be happy to help. Richardson has volunteers so we can merge and move forward. Discussion followed.

Omar Rodriguez – Driftwood Ct – Rodriguez stated between 5:00pm and 7:00pm kids on motor bikes tearing up the boat ramp. Call the Sheriff's Office twice.

Rachel Spurlock – Tiger Lake Blvd – Spurlock introduced herself. I'm passionate about building families, community and volunteering my time.

Diesha Obie – Plantation St. – Obie introduced herself. I'm excited to be involved in the community. We are new to the neighborhood.

Announcement (10):

RLE Meet & Eat Dinner Friday June 27th at 6:00pm in the Community Center

Advisory Board meeting Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 10:00am M.C.B.C.C. RLE Budget Hearing in the Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.