

The May 16, 2024 meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chairman Allen McKay. Other committee members present were Kathy Bryant, Paula Gawlik, Gary Levit, Rico Spicuzza and Dan Wilshusen. Dallas Seveland was absent. Guests present Katy Burton, MSTU Community Manager and Lt. Mongeluzzo, MCSO. There were 11 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item Public Comment (1):

Approval of Minutes (2A) March 21, 2024:

Motion made by Wilshusen, seconded by Gawlik to accept minutes April 18, 2024 (2A). Motion carried.

Committee Reports (3):

Building & Grounds: Bryant nothing to report. Checked on the neighborhood and parks. Parks look beautiful.

Code: R. Spicuzza reported the concern on Shorewood by Tiger Lake regarding the dredging through the easement between their property and lake. Went online and filled out a code complaint. Will try to get an update for the next meeting.

Levy County: Wilshusen reported no new updates from our code enforcement people in Levy County. We had two and half (2 ½) acres burned do to someone trying to clear underbrush from their land. Forestry Department, Levy Fire and Marion County all responded.

Public Safety: McKay reported MCFR statistics for April for station fourteen (14.) Urgent medical five (5); life threatening one (1); urgent fire eight (8); immediate fire assist two (2.) Total incidents eighteen (18.) I have received a report from FDOT Engineer Michael Sanders regarding the intersection control evaluation and the recommendation is for signalization as the preferred control alternative. A signal will be installed through a separate traffic operation contact that would tentatively be twenty-four (24) months for design and construction barring no unforeseen issues.

Recreation: Gawlik reviewed recreation programs, clubs, events and where the information is located. Gawlik questioned if there was an update on a welcome package. Burton responded there will be a welcome post card sent out once or twice a year to RLE addresses with an QR code that will direct you to the welcome website that will have welcome information, resources and the option on how you want the communicator sent to you.

Roads: Levit reported dead pine tree on Soundview. P. Spicuzza responded the tree is on private property.

Committees/Guests (4):

Lt. Mongeluzzo, MCSO –Nothing to report. Crime is low. Be careful of traffic on HWY 41& 40 new gas station has opened.

Consent (5): None

Old Business (6):

(6A) RL BLVD. Median Landscaping – Burton stated nothing to report. Chad Wicker will have that report.

(6B) Clubhouse – McKay asked what are the plans for the Clubhouse? Burton stated we are getting estimates. The plans are to update it to a useable status and bathrooms up to ADA standards. We are also getting estimates if we want to do in stages or all together.

(6C) Communicator – Burton stated we are moving forward with PR with a new templet. Its also available on the website, Facebook, emailed and mailed out to the community. Wilshusen asked if we can add Levy County resources as well. Burton responded just forward that information to me. Discussion followed.

(6D) Loan Closet – Burton stated June 3, 2024 is when it will open. I had to get with legal to have a new waiver so our staff can follow the right process.

New Business/Board Items (7):

(7A) Background check – McKay asked can we have the background check and finger printing done here? Burton stated a level two (2) background has to be done in Ocala. I spoke with HR we can do a level one (1) background check here we just had to adjust our policies. Discussion followed

General Public Comment (8):

(8A) Marci McKay – Bluegill – Little library – thanked A. McKay for building me a library in our front yard. It has been successful.

Announcement (9):

McKay announced the next meeting will be on June 20, 2024 at 10:00am budget hearing in the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.