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The September 19, 2024 meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Dallas Seveland. Other committee members present were Kathy Bryant, Paula Gawlik, Allen McKay Rico Spicuzza and Dan Wilshusen. Guests present Chad Wicker, MSTU Director, Dana Olesky, Chief Assistant County Attorney. 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) March 21, 2024:

Motion made by Wilshusen, seconded by McKay to accept minutes August 15, 2024 (2A). Motion carried.

Committee Reports (3):

Building & Grounds: Bryant no new updates.

Code: R. Spicuzza reported nothing new no complaints.

Levy County: Wilshusen reported no new updates from code enforcement. I submitted a work to have intersection of SE 105th and SE 134th CT looked at to see if we can fill or repair the road. That intersection looks like the whole road SE 134th CT has just deteriorated.

Public Safety: McKay reported MCFR statistics for August from Station 14. Urgent medical thirty-nine (39); life threat one (1); immediate medical assist seven (7); immediate fire assist one (1); urgent fire three (3); routine fire four (4); routine medical one (1,) total incident fifty-six (56.) I received the following from FDOT regarding our traffic signal. Expect design to last 12- 18 months if no major conflicts with utilities or right of way. I contacted FDOT about the conditions of HWY 41 and noted the large holes and deterioration of the ribbons on the road edge. I received a call from Oasis crew chief that they were sending a crew with tailings and asphalt to repair what they could.

Recreation: Gawlik reviewed recreation programs, clubs, events and where the information is located.

Roads:

Staff Report (3B): P. Spicuzza reported monthly budget and expenditures for general government, recreation and roads and street construction.

Committees/Guests (4):

Chad Wicker, MSTU – Wicker stated no updates at this time.

Dana Olesky, MCBCC – Olesky stated to the Advisory Board regarding training that is required by board members. This involves watching videos on voting conflicts, gifts, and ethics. Olesky reviewed Sunshine Law and public records. Discussion followed.

Old Business (6):

(6A) RL BLVD. Median Landscaping – Seveland stated to discuss alternatives and potential savings for this project so changing the plants seasonally which would be four (4) times a year and become more financially feasible. Currently we are paying six- thousand dollars (\$6,000) for a maintenance contract. Wicker this is for clean-up, trimming, removal of dying trees and bushes. Seveland asked why can't we go back to our maintenance department to maintain the medians, and save money so we can replace the flowers four (4) times a year. Gawlik stated that the Garden Club did plant flowers and they died because there was no irrigation for them. Seveland stated that the walls don't have irrigation so that's why we are going with drought tolerant plants for the walls. In the first median it does have water. P. Spicuzza stated that the Garden Club spent one-hundred dollars (\$100) on flowers and planted them but never came back to maintain them. The Garden Club was given exception to member fees to take care of the median. Seveland asked if we go with this contract plans to replace flowers four (4) times a year and maintain the median and if the plants die, would they come out replace them. P. Spicuzza stated yes. The grass mowing contract is only for one (1) cut per month. R. Spicuzza stated that if the maintenance department takes over and with few people will that overwhelm them. P. Spicuzza stated that the maintenance department has agreed to mow every two (2) weeks. When I met with Pete Hodges the quote was for six (6) feet at the ends of the median. Seveland asked you did you get a price or estimate for around the trees. P. Spicuzza stated that the estimate is just for six (6) feet at both bull ends. Wicker asked are you saying you rather go around the tree than both ends of the median. Seveland before we decide can you get estimate for flowers around the trees. Wicker yes. Wicker stated in May we can vote to cancel the maintenance contract. We can get our internal crew to mow every other week.

(6B) Clubhouse – Wicker stated they met with the engineer on site. They measured the building and currently working on plans to bid.

(6C) 5 – year plan workshop – Seveland announced the date is scheduled for discussion on a five (5) year plan for our district is Thursday October 17, 2024 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Participating will be RLE board members and county officials.

New business/ Board items (7):

General Public Comment (8):

Announcement (9):

Seveland announced the next meeting will be on October 17, 2024 at 6:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Rainbow Lakes Estates
Advisory Board Meeting Report
G. Dallas Seveland - Board Chairman
September 19, 2024**

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FIVE MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENT

If you did not contact the District Office to sign up to speak on an agenda item or during the public comment portion of tonight's meeting, please sign up at the door now and you will be allotted 2 minutes to speak. Those who did contact the District Office prior to 5 pm last Friday will be allotted 5 minutes. Please silence all electronic devices and find seats now.

INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Rainbow Lakes Estates Advisory Board welcome to the September 19, 2024, Advisory Board Meeting.

As a courtesy to others please, silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. If you need to take a call, please step outside. Talking or outbursts from the audience during the meeting will not be permitted. Please take seats if they are available.

Agenda and Public Comment

Scheduled requests will be allotted 5 minutes. If you signed up at the door to speak you will be granted 2 minutes. If you have a non-agenda item to discuss you may do so during the general public comment portion towards the end of the meeting. No additional time will be allotted.

Board Members & Guests

If you wish to specifically call upon and speak with an individual in the audience during the meeting, please address the chair first. You do not need to address the chair to speak to other board members or to anyone from the public who is addressing the board during the Agenda or General Public Comment portions of the meeting. This board does not allow in the past nor will it allow in the future personal attacks or insults against Rainbow Lakes Estates Staff, Advisory Board Members or Community Volunteers. Please keep your comments appropriate.

Call to Order

Invocation

Holy One, known by many names and beyond all names, Thank You for every seat that has been filled here, today. For each mind and heart that fills the presence of this room, we Thank You. Only You truly know what we are setting out to accomplish today. We have an idea, a vision, hints, and daily instructions. We have talents, abilities, and time to work. However, only

You can see in perfect detail the end of every beginning. Every project, every season, every life. Nothing is ever in vain, for even mistakes and missteps are used for good. Your righteousness transcends all our efforts and understanding. Forgive us for our pride. The pride that puffs us up and the pride that threatens to unqualify us. Strengthen our confidence in who You have made us to be. Set us free from comparison in order to work together efficiently.

Bless this meeting today, all those present, all the residents, volunteers and employees of Rainbow Lakes Estates as well as the lives of those we will encounter afterward. Ready us to make every moment count.

Amen

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Roll Call

Agenda Items Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

2A. Approval of Minutes for August 15, 2024 – Any questions concerning these minutes if not motion and second needed to vote and approve.

Advisory Committee Reports

Chairman: G. Dallas Seveland

Vice Chairman/ Public Safety Representative: Allan (George) McKay

Building & Grounds Representative: Kathy Bryant

Code Enforcement Representative: Rico Spicuzza

Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen

Recreation Representative: Paula Gawlik

Roads Representative: Vacant Position

3B: Staff Report – Pamela Spicuzza RLE Community Center Supervisor

SPECIAL COMMITTEE GUESTS

Chad Wicker – Marion County MSTU Director

Katy Burton – Marion County MSTU Recreation Manager

Dana Olesky – Marion County Chief Assistant County Attorney

CONSENT

OLD BUSINESS

1. **6A. Rainbow Lakes Blvd and 1st Median Island Landscaping** – Discuss alternatives and potential savings for this project so changing the plants seasonally which would be four times a year becomes more financially feasible.
2. **6B. Clubhouse Renovations** – Progress report on renovations.
3. **6C. RLE 5 Year Plan Workshop** – The date scheduled for discussion on a 5-year plan for our district is Thursday October 17th from 3:30 PM until 5PM.

Participating will RLE Board Members and County Officials. I will be opening the floor for public comment, granting 2 minutes to anyone who would like to have input in the future of RLE.

NEW BUSINESS

Do any board members have any new business they would like to discuss?

PRIOR MEETING UPDATES

Do any board members have any prior meeting updates they would like to discuss?

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Please state and spell your name for the record. You are also required to give your full address.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Do any board members or board guests have anything they would like to announce?
- Our Meet and Greet Dinner will be held here at the RLE Community Center on Friday September 27th at 6 PM, We are serving Hamburgers and Hot Dogs.
- Friday October 15th from 5 to 9 PM is our Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins Halloween Party. Held at the RLE Youth Center, this is a must attend event for children and families. Volunteers are desperately needed so to volunteer please contact Robert Howard in our Recreation Department.
- Our Annual Fall Crafts Festival will be on Saturday November 9th from 9 AM to 3 PM held in our Community Center Complex. Sign up in advance to reserve your space by contacting the District Office. Again, this year the RLE Advisory Board will have a table and be available to answer questions and address concerns from residents. This is a wonderful event, and I hope to see everyone there.

- The Annual Holly Jolly Christmas Party is Saturday December 14th from 10AM until Noon. Hosted right here in the RLE Community Center. Come visit Santa and have some fun for the entire family.
- Our next Advisory Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:30 PM here in the community center.

Meeting Adjourned

Rainbow Lakes Estates

Recreation Liaison – Paula Gawlik

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RLE Open Play Programs

Tater Tot Tuesdays are from 10 am to noon at the Community Center. It is open to the public.

Family Game Night is the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 4pm to 8pm in the Youth Center for members of the Youth Center.

Pickleball is Mondays and Thursdays at 8am at the Sea Cliff Community Park. It is open to the public.

For more information call 352-465-0630 or email: Rainbow.Lakes@marionfl.org

Recreation

The Youth Center is open on Wednesday and Friday from 4pm to 8pm. It costs \$5 a year for residents and \$10 a year for nonresidents.

Plant Swaps are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6pm in the Community Center. The next one will be Oct. 15. They are open to the public.

The Community Hot Dog and Hamburger dinner will be from 6pm to 9pm (or while supplies last) at the Community Center on Sept. 27. Bring a valid ID with a RLE address on it to the Community Center that night or a utility bill to validate residency at the District Office before Sept. 27.

The Fitness Center is available 24/7 for members, except on Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 9 am for cleaning. Single memberships are \$25, couple memberships are \$40, and memberships for children 12 to 17 years old are \$10. Children must be accompanied by a legal guardian and all members must sign in when they use the facility. Tours and registration are available every Wed. Call 352-489-4280 to book an appointment.

Kayaks are available for rent Monday - Friday 8am to 4pm - \$25 for the first hour and \$5 for every additional hour. They are available to the public.

Chair Yoga will be Mon. and Wed. from 7 to 8pm in the Community Center. Amy Doza will be the instructor and fees will be \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents per class.

Zumba will be Mondays from 6 to 7pm in the Community Center. The instructor will be Vanessa Nieves-Rivera and fees will be \$5 for residents and \$10 for nonresidents per class.

Ghosts, Ghouls and Goblins Halloween Event will be Oct. 25 from 5 to 9pm at the Community Center. It is open to the public.

RLE Advisory Board Meeting Report for September 19, 2024

Prepared by A. George Mckay, Rainbow Lakes Estates Public Safety Liaison

1. Fire/rescue statistics from MCFR for July for Station 14 are: Urgent Medical 39, Life threat 1, Immediate Medical Assist 7, Urgent fire 3, Immediate fire assist 1, Routine fire 4, total incidents 56.
2. I received the following from FDOT regarding our traffic signal. *"Concepts are still being developed so we can get the design started on this. Expect design to last 12-18 months if no major conflicts with utilities or right of way, at which point we will program construction. Potential issues include encroachment on railroad right of way and need to relocate overhead utilities on the west side of US 41"*.
3. I noted at the August meeting that the Chairman had received complaints about the lack of and poor conditions of bike lanes on 41. These were paved years ago and bikes were apparently not planned when it was done. I contacted FDOT about the condition of 41 and noted the large holes and deterioration of the ribbons on the road edge. I sent this on Tuesday August 27 and the following Tuesday Sept 3 I received a call from Oasis crew chief that they were sending a crew with tailings and asphalt to repair what they could. They cannot add ribbons but I was still grateful for the quick response to my request.
4. Please let us know exactly what you want RLE to look like in the future. We are having a long-range planning meeting in October in addition to our regularly scheduled meeting. We need your ideas and would ask that if you can attend this meeting please do so. Now is the time for all of us to speak up and let our voices be heard.

**Rainbow Lakes Estates
Marion County Fire Rescue All Stations
August 2024 Incidents**

Urgent Medical	39
Life Threat	1
Life Threat Fire	0
Urgent Fire	3
Omega Fire	0
Immediate Medical Assist	7
Immediate Fire Assist	1
Routine Medical	1
Routine Fire	4
Total Incidents	56

Rainbow Lakes Estates MSD Advisory Board Report-

Levy County Representative: Dan Wilshusen

Items to report on:

1.) Code Enforcement:

No new updates from our code enforcement people in Levy County. All looks good for now.

2.) Roads Maintenance:

I submitted a work order to have the intersection of SE 105th and SE 134th Ct looked at to see if we can fill or repair the road. That intersection looks like the whole road (SE 134th Ct) has just deteriorated.

3.) Public Safety:

I submitted a work order to have the stop sign at SE 133rd and SE 105th Ln repaired a put upright again. This was hit by a truck after they illegally dumped trees on another property for the second time. We are looking out for this vehicle, but so far nobody has seen them.

Old Business:

Financial reports have been received. Thank you.

Topics for New Business: