

P.I.E. Board Meeting Minutes

When: Monday, June 11, 2018, 5:00 PM

Where: Gasparilla Way Fire House

Call Meeting to Order at 5:01 by Lou Ellen Wilson

- 1. Roll Call/Establish Quorum:** Present: Linda Cotherman, Gary Galloway, Lindsay Yates, Heather Stout, David Witters, Cori Hane Palmere, Dave Mulvaney, Craig Baresel, Lou Ellen Wilson, Andy Ronald, Monica Errico, and Jeff Bisgrove (arrived at 5:07 pm). Absent: Sally Johnson – excused.
- 2. Approval Minutes May 14, 2018 Meeting**
 - Lindsay motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 3. Report of the President – Lou Ellen Wilson**
 - Lou Ellen thanked Craig Baresel for cleanup at the landing.
 - Trash cans at the ferry landing – Lou Ellen and her grandsons are picking up trash.
 - BCC meeting – Lou Ellen, Linda Cotherman, and Dave Witters were present. The BCC interviewed all 4 companies who submitted proposals for the building of the new fire station on the island. The contract was awarded to Magnum Builders. As of June 4th negotiations have not started. The first phase of negotiations is for the start for design and build.
 - Barrier Islands Fire MSBU – Candyce (Candy) Cohen and Jim Gordon were appointed to a three year term, Wendy Dalzell and Lou Ellen Wilson were appointed to 2-year terms. William (Bill) Peterson was appointed to a 1year term.
 - They (Barrier Islands Fire MSBU) reviewed the April 30th financial reports which projected the District will operate slightly below budget this year. The MSBU scope of responsibilities will not include review or any input on the new fire station. This was disappointing news. Lou Ellen sent an email to schedule an appointment with Commissioner, Bill Truex, but was informed this required an email to all county commissioners. The content of the email requested the Commission broaden the MSBU scope of responsibilities to include input on the location and aesthetics (exterior design). If the outcome is no response by the Commissioners, then Plan B will be to closely monitor all BCC meeting agendas where the fire station will be discussed so a written statement can be prepared for presentation (after approval of the PIE Board).
 - Lou Ellen reached out to Bocilla Utilities – Craig Noden has indicated in an email that Bocilla Utilities has established a relationship with the fire department.

Committee Reports:

4. Info Central Report (given by Lou Ellen Wilson)

- CERTS Training - There are 12 residents that are interested in the training. The resort denied a request to reserve the clubhouse for 3 days; however did agree to reserving it for one 4 hour session. Sally is working with Ellen Pinder to see if they can give an abbreviated training course to cover the most important topics. It was noted that full CERTS training is available at different times during the year off the island as a 3-consecutive day course. Monica to check with fire station to see if we can have it here.

5. Treasurer's Report – Lindsay Yates

- Our only expense was \$365 for shirts and hats for the Sea turtle patrol members.
- Lou Ellen motioned to approve for information. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Report of Corresponding Secretary – Dave Mulvaney

Website update/Communications

- There has been a small decrease month over month for web page visit and pages seen per day. This could be due to seasonality.
- We received several emails that were positive regarding PIE communications. 1 person unsubscribed citing that communications seemed spammy. It is noted that people who unsubscribe can only be sent a link to Mailchimp to self resubscribe. Following a member unsubscribing the communications committee will send a notice to the member informing them on how to subscribe.
- Members only page – There are challenges with security, protecting everyone's identity. Things like names, address and phone numbers are all you need to start such theft. Weebly only allows up to 20 password protected accounts, but there can only be one password. We have European members and a one password setup is not compliant with GDPR regulations. Weebly thinks that there is a way that it could be done if we purchase a client management portal that allows punchout to a secured website hosted by a different provider. Costs associated with this setup are ~\$200 just to set up with ongoing annual cost for \$20-\$50/year to maintain the website.
- Heather raised that what Weebly can be upgraded from Pro to Business, which may have unlimited membership. Dave will look into this and report back at the next board meeting.

7. Social Committee (given by Lou Ellen Wilson)

- Rose contacted Lou via email. Rose has arranged a meeting for August 2nd at 111 Bocilla Drive at 7 pm.

8. Island Watch- Linda Cotherman

- Bocilla Utilities has not made a decision yet on how they will charge for a water connection.
- The speed sign on North Gulf Boulevard was relocated to the opposite side of the street facing the resort to capture data from the resort towards the barge.
- Ralph Artigliere was appointed to the Roads & Bridges MSTU. The expansion of the unit to control landscaping, sidewalks, and exotic plants and animals was tabled. The next meeting is July 30th at 9:30 am at the San Casa Conference Room, 6874 San Casa Drive, Englewood.

- The BCC Beach Renourishment Public Hearing is on July 19th.
- The Fishery Meeting is on Wednesday, July 13th at the Community Center in Cape Haze at 2:00 pm. The Communications team will send the notification to members on this.
- An update on the Utilities Quarterly Update Meeting was given by Craig. The meeting was held on May 15th. Monica, Teresa, and Craig attended the meeting. There was nothing mentioned about our island. The meeting primarily had to do with the top 3 areas as outlined in the BCC reports. Craig followed up with Travis on the relationship between Knight Island Utilities and Charlotte County. There was something negotiated last year, but never finalized. There will be a new Utilities director appointed soon. Palm Island is not in the plans for the immediate future for sewer upgrades. Palm Island is shown on the map with a small asterisk because the hookup to Knight Island/Resort would be privately funded. The current county cost is \$11,500 for hookup including removal of old septic. Costs are for first 3 projects, but could go up depending on costs in the future.
- Linda and Lou Ellen are monitoring the Englewood Utility water rates, and monitoring if they will be adding a cap bill to everyone as opposed to new people connecting. This will be in the rates for next year. They will monitor so they can make a presentation.

9. Administration Committee – Lindsay Yates

- Draft of proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws will be presented at the August Meeting. Membership will vote at the annual meeting on the proposed amendments. The idea is to bring these documents into compliance with FL statutes.

10. Security Committee – Dave Mulvaney

- There were 2 details over Memorial Day weekend. There were no major incidences reported. Most incidents were adults returning home from a party. There were 2 individuals under the age of 21 and complied with the request from the Deputy to return home. The County is recommending that we don't have deputies come out after hours, simply because they feel it would be better to have them out during the hours of daylight where people can see them and be more proactive. They suggested that if there are problems after hours to call 911 and a deputy will be dispatched. We will have a paid detail for the July 4th holiday. The Sheriff's department will have 1 additional deputy at no cost to us. Ed will be working a 12 hour shift on July 4th. There will be 3 deputies total on island with one of those being paid by us.
- Gary inquired on golf carts on the beach. Lou Ellen mentioned that the county may be putting up beach blockers as barriers in the future.

11. Scholarship Committee - Heather Stout

- No report for applications submitted. Announced that Cori was appointed as the 4th member of the committee. They will present at the August meeting criteria for eligibility to receive a scholarship.
- Decision has not been made whether to credit the volunteers for Band in the Sand to count toward community service – will report at August meeting.
- Jeff Bisgrove requested the committee explore ways to expand hours toward receipt of scholarship.

12. Welcome Committee – Lou Ellen Wilson

- Pam has resigned from the committee and was thanked by the board for her time committed to the committee. The board is looking for volunteers to serve on this committee. Lou Ellen will assume the interim committee head.
- Pam sent Lou Ellen a report on research she had been doing on houses that had sold recently.
- Lou Ellen will report at the next meeting on how the committee will welcome these new owners.

13. Old Business:

- Newsletter- Monica
- The newsletter will now go out quarterly. We'd like the next newsletter to go out at the end of June if there is enough information to send. Therefore, we need information to be submitted by June 22nd.
- Speaker system - Monica
- The goal is to enable board members to attend remotely. Monica will order the "office puck" from her own monies to test out at the next board meeting.
- Testing of water in canals – Monica
- A report was submitted in the meeting minutes for April. Our public beach accesses have weekly water testing performed. There is a flip sign that will be changed when the water is unsafe to swim in. Monica checked and each public access and private PIE access has such signs. Mote Marine monitors red tide and it should be noted that red tide warning can be issued, but beaches will not closed due to red tide. This is on the Mote Marine website and can be queried daily.
- Water Testing - The question was raised by the board at the May meeting that people want to know if the water is safe to swim in. "Safe to swim" vs. "sewage leakage" are 2 different issues so the board needs to decide on what it wants to test for. By the report, the EPA (with the state of FL following suite), state that Fecal Coliform is not an acceptable measure for brackish and salt water due to the inability of this bacteria to survive in salt water conditions. The test relies on population expansion by culture so if the sample is not healthy it will not "grow" when cultured to accurately represent the level of contamination once it is exposed to salt water. As a result, the state of FL has moved to Enterococci as the main bacterial threat from human fecal contamination in salt waterways.
 - i. Fecal Coliform testing by the state and county for making decision was only tested in fresh waterways. Sucarose testing (in addition to Enterococci) was performed and weighted in the evaluation for the top 3 sewer zone areas by the county.
 - ii. The canals and lagoon are brackish water.
 - iii. Lou Ellen stated that the yearly testing for canals, lagoons, and ferry landing is \$500. It was raised by Monica that if the purpose of testing was to ward off sewer lines then the testing may not be beneficial since the readout relies on healthy colonies to cultivate and grow – once exposed to salt water fecal coliform is may not thrive giving a false negative test result. Dick Sadenwater gave an explanation that when testing started 6 years ago PIE decided to test with what the county was testing for, but it was missed that fecal coliform was only tested in areas of fresh water run-off. He stated that we have been

testing this for 6 years and seems like the same thing to do. Motion was made by Lou Ellen to continue testing using the same criteria from past years in order to establish a historical data base. Motion was approved. Voting in favor: Linda Cotherman, Gary Galloway, Lindsay Yates, Heather Stout, David Witters, Cori Hane Palmere, Dave Mulvaney, Craig Baresel, Lou Ellen Wilson, Andy Ronald and Jeff Bisgrove. Voting to disapprove: Monica Errico.

iv. The board will assign a committee to look into testing for 2019.

- Mosquito Control (Andy Ronald) – Some islanders had found a company that makes natural products for mosquito control. All products are environmental friendly. Andy will collect money and distribute. The PIE communications committee will send an email to all members. Andy will manage the order. No motion required.

14. New Business

- Set Date for 2019 Annual Membership Meeting/Deadline for Candidate Resumes.
- Dave Mulvaney motioned to hold the annual meeting on January 5th (Saturday). Motion approved. Voting in favor: Linda Cotherman, Gary Galloway, Lindsay Yates, Heather Stout, David Witters, Cori Hane Palmere, Dave Mulvaney, Craig Baresel, Lou Ellen Wilson, Andy Ronald Monica Errico. Voting against: Jeff Bisgrove.

15. Comments from Members (topics other than agenda items)

- Go fund me page for Ashton (Lou Ellen)– Lou Ellen thanked the board for allowing the distribution of the Go Fund Me page for Ashton Boyer. It shows that we are an island of neighbors and friends.
- Ted Connor passed away yesterday. Contact Rose Malone about the service.
- Andy and Cheryl Ronald – regarding the entry sign coming onto the island - It needs a good refreshing. Andy researched a local artist, and Andy/Cheryl would like to donate the new sign funded by their family. Lou Ellen will reach out to the original artist to see if she will re-do the sign. Lou Ellen to let Andy know and report at the next meeting.
- Ray has not purchased the flags yet for the flag pole at the ferry landing. As soon as he does he will let us know.
- The PIE board meeting for July will be canceled. Meetings will resume in August.

Adjournment 6:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Errico, Secretary