

# **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 REGULAR BI-MONTHLY MEETING**

of the

## **PINEY-Z HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**LOCATION:** Due to COVID-19, the meeting was conducted via ZOOM

**DIRECTORS PRESENT ONLINE:** Kilga, Pfof, Saginario, Smith

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** DiConcilio

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Piney-Z Homeowners Association was called to order by President Saginario on Zoom, Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 6:31 P.M., once all parties were able to connect remotely. She welcomed all present followed by brief introductions of the board members.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING:** Saginario asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting. CDD Chair Cashin suggested an addition to state that the CDD had sent a letter dated November 17, 2020, to the HOA suggesting a joint meeting in the near future. The HOA Board readily agreed. After that addition, Kilga moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Pfof, passed unanimously.

**FINANCIALS:** The November 2020 Financial Reports were reviewed. Saginario stated there should be a correction to the check ledger: on November 30, 2020, check number JE128 to Target Print and Mail for \$384.07 should be for “assessment invoices” instead of “newsletter” and was transferred from October. Motion by Kilga to accept the November financial report, second by Pfof, passed unanimously.

The December Financial Reports were reviewed. These reports contained the checks written to All-Pro Irrigation for the new lighting at the entrances. Motion by Kilga to accept the December financial report, second by Pfof, passed unanimously.

The January Financial Reports were reviewed. These reports contained checks written for our property and liability insurance policies. Motion by Kilga to accept the January financial report, second by Smith, passed unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:** Written report submitted by acting committee chair Golla showed 7 requests were approved, including four roof replacements, one emergency tree replacement, one tree removal and one approval for a vinyl fence.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** No report.

**APPEALS COMMITTEE:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS: SCOUTING FOR FOOD PROJECT:** Scoutmaster Brad Gomez of Florida's Capital Troop 118 BSA reported a record 1,242 pounds of food was collected for Second Harvest Food Bank this year in the annual Scouting for Food project. Well done!

**RESIDENT SURVEY** – Saginario went through the results of the online January survey and pointed out some surprising results. Over 70% of the respondents read the newsletter! A majority of respondents agree that Piney Z is an attractive and well maintained neighborhood that they would recommend as a place to live! Another interesting result is that the question of whether to drop the word “plantation” from the name of the subdivision was split roughly in thirds, one third in favor, one third neutral, and one third against. As far as activities sponsored by the HOA, the food trucks and the neighborhood garage sale proved to be the most popular.

**LIGHTING REPLACEMENT AT ENTRANCES** – The new lighting has been installed by All-Pro at all three (Lone Feather, Heritage Park and Planters Ridge) entrances. The new power lock box has also been installed. Pfof wondered if the power had been disconnected to the old plastic outlet box, and will contact All-Pro to find out.

**REMOVAL OF THE WORD ‘PLANTATION’ FROM PINEY Z SIGNS AND STREETS** – The committee (Piney Z Temporary Committee or PZTC) of volunteers to investigate the removal of the word “plantation” from Piney Z signs and streets finished their work and submitted their report. The committee, chaired by Yelanda Collins Tanner with members Greg Moran (in place of Mary Ann Peterman), Vince Rio, Burenette Smith, and Amelia Colorado, divided their report into two tasks: (1) feasibility of removing the word ‘plantation’ from existing signage at the three entrances, and (2) feasibility of removing the word ‘plantation’ from the two streets in the subdivision that contain that word – i.e., Plantation View Drive and Piney-Z Plantation Road. Their conclusions are as follows:

*(1) “...there are no legal, resident approval or other city/county restrictions that would preclude the HOA Board from removing, replacing or altering the existing signage from the 3 entranceways. The PZTC is recommending that the HOA Board move forward in the removal of existing signage at each entranceway... rebranding of Piney Z that focuses more on the amenities such as the lakes, trails and pine trees to replace the word ‘plantation’...”*

*(2) “The PZTC determined that the renaming of either of the two streets will be a daunting task...requiring “unanimous (100%)...approval” from those residing on the two streets along with considerable cost (application fees (\$900 per street) and all of the labor and materials fees to the City of Tallahassee). Therefore, the PZTC is “not making a recommendation regarding this issue.”*

Sagarinio requested additional bids for the signage at the entrances and a second survey, perhaps through SurveyMonkey, to get additional community feedback before any decision. She also asked for an article to be included in the next newsletter on what needs to be done and how it could be accomplished financially. Pfof pointed out that the project is not in the budget and asked where the money might come from. Saginario stated the HOA still had approximately \$7,000 surplus from 2020 that could be used to replace the signs. However, priority is replacement of the two Fieldcrest signs and the double-sided ‘The Gardens’ sign at Planters

Ridge Drive because these signs are made of styrofoam and are in bad shape. In addition, the Heritage Park metal grating is rusting in several places and that will need to be addressed in the near future.

Saginario thanked the committee for their hard work and for completing the work so quickly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT IN ARREARS:** One account in Fieldcrest is seriously in arrears. Past attempts to work out a payment plan with the owner have failed. Kilga moved to move forward with foreclosure, seconded by Smith, passed unanimously.

**NEW PINEY Z LOGO:** Saginario showed a possible new logo for the subdivision highlighting a lake, the rising sun and a pine tree. Pfof pointed out the pine tree looks more appropriate for the Rocky Mountain states and suggested a Florida pine tree instead. The new logo would be included in any new signage.

**CITY COMMISSIONER TO PARTICIPATE IN HOA MEETING:** Commissioner Jacqueline "Jack" Porter - Seat 1 on the Tallahassee City Commission, asked to attend a future meeting of the Piney Z HOA. All readily agreed that we would be glad to have her as soon as possible. Saginario said she would extend an invitation for the April HOA meeting.

**PLAYGROUND OLYMPICS:** Saginario circulated a flyer for an 'Olympic Games' on the Piney Z playground as a way to engage the children and young families of the neighborhood when the current pandemic is over. All agreed this would be a wonderful activity and something the HOA could sponsor. Smith suggested the HOA also promote the activities of the Tallahassee Senior Center for our older residents as well. All agreed this is equally desirable for the HOA to promote.

**CORAL ARDISIA:** Pfof stated that coral ardisia (*ardisia crenata*), a category 1 Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) invasive plant from Asia, is rapidly taking hold in our environmental preserve area across from the Piney Z lodge. He said each coral ardisia red berry, which can be poisonous to humans and animals, is capable of producing multiple plants and each female plant has ten to fifty berries. Kilga said the plant is also increasing in the eagle preserve area. Pfof suggested recruiting volunteers on a weekend in the winter months to pull up the plants in order to avoid a huge expensive removal problem later. Saginario suggested a scout project or a project for students needing service hours. Pfof will investigate.

**TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next regular bi-monthly meeting of the Piney-Z Homeowners Association is scheduled for 6:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 20, 2021, on Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

There being no more items on the agenda, Kilga made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM EST, seconded by Smith. Unanimous approval.

*HOA Board Meetings*

April 20, 2021, June 15, 2021, August 17, 2021

*HOA Annual Meeting*

July 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Russell Pfost, Secretary