

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 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:** DiConcilio, Pfof, Saginario

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Kilga, Smith

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Piney-Z Homeowners Association was called to order by President Saginario on Zoom, Tuesday, April 20, 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 FEBRUARY MEETING:** Saginario asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting. Pfof moved to accept the minutes, seconded by DiConcilio, passed unanimously.

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL EMERGENCY MEETING:** Saginario then asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the April 5, 2021 emergency meeting concerning a long standing violation and fine. Pfof moved to accept the minutes, seconded by DiConcilio, passed unanimously.

**FINANCIALS:** The February 2021 Financial Reports were reviewed. Pfof remarked that the expenses appeared routine. Motion by DiConcilio to accept the February financial report, seconded by Pfof, passed unanimously.

The March 2021 Financial Reports were reviewed. Once again fairly routine. Motion by DiConcilio to accept the March financial report, seconded by Pfof, passed unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:** No report.

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE:** Chairperson Orgaz presented two reports, one for February and one for April 2021. She remarked they have been very busy. She stated that the 19 postcard reminders for “structures” were mainly for mold, mildew and/or rust on the side of houses and especially in Fieldcrest. She asked that homeowners please take care of the mildew/mold/rust issues as soon as possible before the hot, muggy summer is here. There were also an unusual number of reminder postcards for plantings on HOA common areas – and she warned that those plantings will be removed by the HOA if the offending homeowners do not remove them after notice. The usual problems of garage doors remaining open for long periods of time (a security risk!), trash bins remaining on the street for days after collection, and bulk trash pickup placed by the side of the road many days before bulk pickup are other repeating issues.

APPEALS COMMITTEE: Saginario gave a synopsis of the report, stating that a long standing violation and fine of \$100 per day was upheld when the offending homeowner did not show up for the hearing. Shortly after the violation and fine were upheld, the HOA attorney received a call from a newly retained homeowner's attorney but details are not yet known to the Board.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT IN ARREARS: One account in Fieldcrest was seriously in arrears, the HOA foreclosed and collection was successful, the balance on the account is now zero.

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 submitted their report in February. Saginario summarized the recommendations as (1) the word "plantation" be dropped from all signage of the community, but (2) dropping the word "plantation" from street signs and documents of the community is expensive and time consuming and therefore not practical. She also reminded those present that the results of the homeowner survey on the question were about 1/3 in favor of dropping the word "plantation", 1/3 neutral, and 1/3 against.

After brief discussion among the present board members and homeowners present, consensus emerged that all board members should be present for such an important vote as changing the signage of the community. Pfof moved to table the vote on the decision to remove the word "plantation" from the signage of the community until the June meeting when all board members will hopefully be present, seconded by DiConcilio, passed unanimously. Pfof then moved to table the evaluation of the bids to replace the signage until the name change decision had been made, seconded by DiConcilio, passed unanimously. Finally, Pfof moved to table the change of logo for the signage and letterhead until the name change decision had been made, seconded by DiConcilio, passed unanimously.

PLAYGROUND OLYMPICS: Saginario suggested a tentative date for the Piney Z Playground Olympics in October. In discussion, October is also the month of the fall community yard sale. Homeowners had voiced complaints that adequate advance notice of the recent spring community yard sale date was not provided. Homeowner Yates volunteered to check the football schedules of FSU, FAMU and research potential dates for both in October and report back as soon as possible.

CORAL ARDISIA: Pfof reported on his investigation of possible solutions to the coral ardisia (*ardisia crenata*), a category 1 Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) invasive plant from Asia, problem in our natural areas of the community. He discovered other exotics as well, including Japanese climbing fern (*lygodium japonicum*), nandina (*nandina domestica*), mimosa (*albizzia julibrissin*), and camphor (*cinnamomum camphora*) trees. The short answer is the HOA will have to be responsible for the control of invasive species in its common areas, we have not done this in the past. Pfof contacted St. Marks Refuge, Florida Wildlife Commission, Maclay Gardens, and the City of Tallahassee to find out what companies might be retained to control invasives in our common areas, and the estimated cost. One company from Gainesville stated it would cost approximately \$330 per acre to remove invasives. Pfof will continue to research the

issue and present a possible line item for the control of exotics in the upcoming budget. Homeowners can help by swiftly pulling up these plants on their property or in common areas ensuring all berries are also removed and putting them in the garbage, NOT in a compost or recycling pile.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

WEBSITE NAME/URL EXPIRING: Saginario stated our website name/url pineyz.com is expiring. DiConcilio moved to renew the website name/url at a cost of \$116.91 for the next nine years, seconded by Pfof, passed unanimously.

FRINGE TREES AND WAX MYRTLES: Saginario suggested our native white fringe tree (*chionanthus virginicus*) as a beautiful street tree along Heritage Park Boulevard. Hurst will investigate a mass purchase of this tree for us. A discussion of the wax myrtles ensued, with homeowners pointing out that the wax myrtle maintenance at 5 feet is written into the current contract but it is not done or is anyone checking. After more discussion, the maintenance of the wax myrtles as a large shrub at 5 feet was affirmed and will be included in the new landscape maintenance contract.

2021-22 BUDGET: Pfof volunteered to chair the development of the next fiscal year budget for the HOA.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: DiConcilio volunteered to chair the nominations committee for the next election of directors in July.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT: Pfof volunteered to chair the effort to develop the landscape maintenance plan and contract and to solicit bids for the upcoming process. The current contract was only for one year.

**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, June 15, 2021, on Zoom due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

There being no more items on the agenda, DiConcilio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM EDT, seconded by Pfof. Unanimous approval.

*HOA Board Meetings*

June 15, 2021, August 17, 2021

*HOA Annual Meeting*

July 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted by:

Russell Pfost, Secretary