

Greater Groves HOA Meeting

August 11, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by board member Denise LaPierre. In attendance was Bob Carrier (Vice President), Scarlet Sanders (Board member), Jean Carrier (Office Secretary), Todd LaPierre (Treasurer), and 21 residents. The meeting was held on the basketball court and everyone in attendance was able to socially distance in accordance to CDC guidelines. Most everyone brought their own chairs and hand sanitizer was provided.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion was made by Scarlet Sanders to approve the meeting minutes from the February 11th meeting and seconded by Bob Carrier.

Financial Report: Treasurer Todd LaPierre provided a copies of the current report. If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like to request a copy of the report either stop by the office and pick one up or send an email to GreaterGrovesHOA@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

State of the HOA Report:

- **Front Entrance Update-** The sign company is still waiting on permission from WAWA to add the necessary electric lines needed to provide electricity for back lit signs. Covid-19 is mostly to blame for the delay and if a resolution is not made with WAWA soon the board may decide to skip adding the lighting behind the lettering and continue to use the spot lights that light up the current signs at night. The landscaping was completed in the spring along with repairing the sprinkler system that had not been operational for years. The board has tried to get quotes from a certified mason to fix the center planter that is cracked on the side and crumbling at the bottom, but so far it seems the planter is beyond repair and may need to be removed in the near future. The possibility of adding decorative grass around the bottom to hide the crumbling was discussed. A question was asked about who was maintaining the planters and it was explained that Sheehan & Sons will be weeding and maintaining the planters going forward. The question was also asked if the decorative pots in the two side planters would be replaced with larger ones that fit the area better. It was explained that the board was under the impression from Greater Groves Gardens that the pots would be the size of the pots outside of Ashton Chase when the original design was presented. At this time there is no plan to replace them with more appropriately sized pots.
- **Irrigation-** As previously mentioned the irrigation in and around the front planters was fixed after not working for several years. After a leak was discovered in the back field the system in that area needed to be serviced as well. This area took longer because there are no records of a system in that area and all of the boxes needed to fix the system were buried. A longtime resident stated that she may have the old irrigation and gas line drawings and would be willing to provide the HOA office with copies.

- Pool Update- The pool and pool equipment are reaching 30 years old and some of the equipment is in need of replacement in order to keep the pool running efficiently. So far the main drain grate cover and filters have been replaced. The pump is in need of replacement soon, but the current pool company is putting in some extra work to keep it running as long as possible. It was also mentioned that a locked drop box was installed outside of the office door for lost and found keys or comments and suggestions. Hand sanitizer stations were installed outside of the entrance gates. A resident asked if any extra sanitizing of pool chairs or tables was taking place. Outside of our normal cleaning services, it is up to each resident to sanitize any area they may want to use including playground equipment.
- Sheriff Patrol- Now that residents are heading back to work the patrols that had been on hold have now resumed. The last report indicated that a few residents received tickets for going over 40 mph in a 25 mph zone. Warnings and tickets were also issued for parking violations and stop sign violations. It was requested from a resident to ask the patrol to keep a look out for suspicious people in the neighborhood that may be soliciting and the board will add that to the comment section when requesting the next patrol.
- Garage Sale- The fall garage sale is scheduled for September 19th. It was discussed to possibly cancel or postpone this, but after talking with the residents present at this meeting the consensus of those present was to continue with this date as planned and go forward with placing the sign out front and advertising in the local paper.
- Upcoming Elections- A mailing to all residents will be going out at the end of August. Inside will be the instructions on how to get your name on the ballot for the upcoming board elections which will be held in November.

Resident Open Forum:

A resident sent an email wondering if the free newspaper that shows up in driveways on Wednesday can be stopped. The general consensus of the residents present at the meeting was that they enjoyed the paper and hoped for it to continue.

A resident complaint was received to the board about a pool party that occurred on Saturday, August 8th. Board member Denise LaPierre brought up the possibility of restricting the amenities to residents and immediate family only during Covid-19. Everyone in attendance agreed that they would support this decision if the board decided to vote in favor of this.

A resident asked if pool keys were shut off at certain hours. It has been noticed that people were not respecting the current pool hours set in place by the state of Florida of dawn to dusk. If the community is caught not following this statute the Health Department could revoke our pool license. The board made the decision since a key is no longer needed to exit the amenity areas to restrict access and set keys to only open the gates from dawn to dusk.

Another resident who lives on Star Trail mentioned cars are parking on both sides of the street which would prohibit an emergency vehicle from getting through. Jean mentioned that she has called the non-emergency number in the past about this issue and an officer responded and asked the vehicles to move. It was also mentioned that the sheriff patrol focused on writing warnings for parking violations the last time they were out so hopefully this will help some.

It was asked if there were any plans for the old basketball court. The board has discussed the possibility of resurfacing the tennis courts in the next fiscal year, removing one of the tennis nets, and adding a second portable basketball hoop in that area. The possibility of painting the old basketball court with games such as hopscotch, shuffle board, Four Square, and adding seating were also discussed.

Jean Carrier announced that as of August 15th she is stepping down as office secretary. Denise LaPierre has been volunteering beside Jean this summer to learn all of the ins and outs of the office. She will be stepping down as a board member effective August 15th and take over the role of office secretary on August 16th. The new office hours starting August 18th will be Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-6:30pm. This was approved with a vote of board members Tom Wall, Ed Williams, Scarlet Sanders, and Bob Carrier all voting in favor.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Denise LaPierre at 7:00pm and seconded by Scarlet Sanders. The next HOA meeting is scheduled for October 13th at 7:00pm which will most likely be held on the basketball court with everyone bringing their own chairs again.