

P.I.E. Board Meeting Minutes
When: Monday, February 11, 2019 5:00 PM
Where: Gasparilla Way Fire House

Meeting was called to order by the President, Lou Ellen Wilson, on February 11, 2019 at 5:03p.m., Fire House, Gasparilla Way, Placida, Fl.

1. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

- Present: Lou Ellen Wilson, Lindsay Yates, Linda Cotherman, Andy Ronald, Cori Hane Palmere, Heather Stout, Pat Gordon, Meryl Schaffer, and Craig Baresel. Monica Errico arrived at 5:45.
 - Present on the phone: Candy Cohen
 - Excused Absence: Dave Mulvaney and Sally Johnson
- Quorum was declared present.

2. Approval Minutes: Motion was made by Lou Ellen to table the approval of the January 2019 minutes. Motion was unanimously approved.

3. Proposal for removal of exotic plants (Australian Pines and Brazilian Peppers) Bruce Chenokoff (copy attached) Action tabled until March meeting.

4. Report of the President – Lou Ellen Wilson

- Reported she had attended a meeting of the Barrier Island Red Tide Group Meeting. Group was formed to coordinate efforts and disseminate information about red tide initiatives. Representatives from Siesta Key, Casey Key, Manasota Key, Boca Grande and Palm Island. Meet once per month, Lou Ellen asked if anyone was interested in joining her at these meetings.
- Reported she had attended the Charlotte County Water Quality Summit and a recap was posted on the web site.

5. Treasurer’s Report – Lindsay Yates

- January financial statements and report on Street Dance were review by Lindsay, motion was made by Craig to approve financial reports for information. Motion was approved unanimously.

6. Report of Corresponding Secretary – Meryl Schaffer

- 315 total entries in PIE email list. 4 emails sent recently, opened email/click through rates as follows: 02.08 Board meeting agenda 60% open (189), 20.3% clicks (64) 01.31 Good News 71.6% open (217), 4.3% clicks (13) 01.26 Street Dance 60.4% open (183), 2.3% clicks (7) 01.17 Update 56.1% open (170), 1.7% clicks (5)
- Website weekly activity 535 visitors (unique), 1579 page views.

7. Committee Reports:

- **Info Central – Sally Johnson** (Report made by Lou Ellen in Sally’s absence)
 - Mini Certs Training Program: Sally is working with Charlotte County EMS/Fire to schedule another program in March (on a Saturday if possible)

- Possible program by the Sheriff Department on what to do in a Crisis Situation – consensus of opinion this would not be an appropriate program for the island.
- Planning another County Official Update – possible speakers: Bill Truex, Fire Chief and Sheriff
- Beach Renourishment – Marshall Poff, Coastal Engineering to update resident about beach renourishment scheduled for November 2019.
- **Social Committee - Rose Malone:** (Report made by Lou Ellen in Rose's absence)
 - Band in the Sand will NOT be a PIE sponsored event. It will be hosted by Rat and friends (original organizer) Reasons included conflict with religious holidays, lack of manpower to move the equipment to the beach and obtaining permits. After discussion motion was made by Lou Ellen that PIE donate \$100 to the committee for expenses (not as a sponsor). Motion was approved: Voting in favor: Lou Ellen, Heather, Meryl, Cori, Craig, Lindsay, Linda, Andy and Candy. Voting against: Pat.
 - Motion was made by Linda to give a \$100 gift certificate to the Malones for allowing PIE to use their home for the Street Dance. Motion was unanimously approved.
- **Island Watch – Linda Cotherman**
 - **Barrier Island Fire Service MSBU** (report by Lou Ellen & Candy) Todd Dunn has been appointed Public Relations Manager and our liaison. 2018 financial report showed the district operated within budget and the fees for 2019 will not be increased: Vacant Lots: \$305.65 and Residential Homes: \$717.67
 - There will be an “open house” of the fire station on March 11th at 4 p.m. for anyone on the island interested in touring the second floor.
 - Announced that the Charlotte County BOCC would be voting on February 26th to determine on the location of the new fire house: Three choices (1) current location – will not be considered due to cost of renovations to bring the building up to code (2) Property at the Ferry Landing (3) lots on Gasparilla Way. Specifics on the locations, costs, etc. will not be released until approximately Feb. 19th. Due to lack of information and time, Candy and Meryl will prepare an e-mail blast requesting PIE members to contact the BOCC members asking for a postponement of the vote and request a meeting with the island residents thereby giving them an opportunity to voice their opinions/suggestions, etc.
 - There will be a presentation by FL Atlantic University to the BCC on March 8th about septic systems.
 - The resort sewer line is on hold, maybe indefinitely. There was talk about organizing a meeting to see if there can move forward with a MSTU to fund the sewer line to the resort and provide sewer island wide. Could it be an info central meeting for the resort to present their ideas.
 - Beach renourishment will be starting in Nov. The project will finish by May if they start on time.
 - Roads & Bridges – working on bid for bridge repairs. At the last meeting the board approved hiring a contractor to remove Australian pines and Brazilian pepper trees in the right of ways. The price was ~\$85,000 to remove. The current budget is \$100K. The contractor would be open to talking to side people about removing trees on private lots once the bid is awarded.

- Red tide meeting – Englewood Indivisible has spun off a neighborhood groups to discuss red tide. There will be a meeting on Wed at 1 PM on Lemon Bay Park in the South Pavilion. Linda and Heather will be attending this meeting.
- **Utilities Update - Craig Baresel**
 - The Jan 28th Utility meeting was recorded and is available online. At the start of the meeting by an ecologist that shows that even if your septic is working great, it still increases nitrogen content and it gradually flows into the water. There is a test site in the El Jobean area measuring sucralose that may be showing a release of contaminants into our water system. Ackerman West is the location where budget was approved to immediately begin work on installing sewer lines to this community.
- **Administration – Lindsay Yates**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Security – Dave Mulvaney (report given by Lou Ellen Wilson)**
 - Everything has been quite with nothing major to report. Ed will be altering his schedule to be on the island during spring break time and will be adding additional deputies as needed.
- **Scholarship Committee – Heather Stout**
 - The Johnson’s have not been responsive in Heather’s reach out.
- **Welcome Committee – Cori Hane Palmere**
 - Discussion on creating a brochure to welcome new members and encourage membership. Monica to help with a brochure and a logo.
- **Beautification – Pat Gordon**
 - Mission statement and goals were not set as this was a new committee.
 - 2 times a year Pat would like to clean accesses and gazebo. Linda noted that the conservancy would like to participate in such events. Painting the gazebo has also come up.
 - Andy was assigned to look into new signs for the easements.

8. Old Business:

- PIE board meeting time for the rest of the year. The survey postponed until next meeting.
- Projects and events for 2019:
 - Directory – issues with privacy on the directory
 - Cook Book
 - Yard sale
 - Pumpkin patch
 - Easter egg contest?

9. New Business:

- Linda Cotherman - Request from Lemon Bay High School Marine Conservation Club. Ralph is volunteering with this club. Their big project is to repair propeller plugs in the grasslands. The Lemon Bay High School Conservation Club has requested a \$300-\$500 donation to the club.
 - It was suggested that the club come present at a board meeting in order to educate the board so the communications team can put together an email blast with background and educational information on the club so that members can decide if they want to contribute individually.
 - Further discussion on PIE making a donation to any organization was tabled until the next meeting.
- Craig Baresel – There is a new lock on PIE shed.

- Craig Baresel - Golf carts on Panama Blvd. are technically illegal. There is talk about Sherriff's issuing tickets to golf carts that are not street legal that are parked on Panama Blvd. Craig will spearhead discussions with the resort to see if together the resort and PIE to see if they know where the ordinance about golf carts on Panama sits.

10. Meeting Adjourned - 7:16 pm est