

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

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:01
2. Roll Call/Establish Quorum:
 - Present: Lindsay Yates, Linda Cotherman, Candy Cohen, Meryl Schaffer, Monica Errico, Sally Johnson, Lou Ellen Wilson, Andy Ronald, Craig Baresel, Heather Stout and Pat Gordon
 - Excused Absence: Dave Mulvaney, Cori Hane Palmere
3. Approval Minutes January 14, 2019 and February 11, 2019:
 - Andy motioned to approve the January minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Linda motioned to approve the February minutes. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Guest speaker: Presentation by Jeffery Jacobson – On board for Knight Island Utilities.
 - The Knight Island utilities & sewage plant has been in operation for 35 years. ~1.5 years ago the sewage plant signed an agreement to connect their sewage system to the county system. What that means is spending a few ~\$M expenditure and running a pipe down Panama. They do not believe that they should be in the sewage business and have gone through all of their options. One option is to put in a new system and turn managing of it over to a private company. The other thing they can do is to encourage the county or state to go ahead and do it, but it's something that the county does not want to do. The 3rd option is to set up a special district, an MSTU. What Jeffery is proposing that that we formally look into the 3rd option because this type of thing would take time to do. If the island sets one up, you control your own destiny, time tables, and how you do it. There are 1700 special districts in the state of FL so this is nothing new. You wouldn't have to manage the entity, you would act like a board and hire professional people to maintain it. As far as the resort goes we would just hook into a pipeline if it was installed. Jeffery is proposing to explore the MSTU by inviting in special speaker who is familiar with this area.
 - Lou Ellen commented that it will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss bringing a speaker out for educational purposes because this is a time for us to look into our own destiny.
5. Report of the President –
 - The changes to the Articles and Bylaws have been recorded by the county.
 - Update – Status of New Fire Station. The meeting with the county was postponed until April 9th. They asked for one point person on the island to collate questions from Islanders. April 9th will now be the BCC decision meeting. The town hall meeting will be on Monday, March 18th at the San Casa facility. The county created an evaluation report consisting of 26 pages discussing three alternative places for the location of the new fire station. The evaluation report says that it was performed with input from the community, but to our knowledge no one has given input. The unit is now requesting feedback on the county evaluation report. The PIE board agreed to complete a fact sheet and share with PIE members.
 - An email was sent into PIE from Scott Rockoff regarding his position paper on the locations for the new fire station.

- Lou Ellen motioned to not have a position paper and only have a fact sheet from the PIE board. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Monica Errico motioned to allow PIE to push out the position paper and petition created by Scott Rockoff to the PIE membership with a disclaimer that this is “not a PIE position” and allow members to make their own decision to read the letter and to sign the petition. The motion was defeated.
 - Yes vote: Monica Errico and Andy Ronald
 - No : Lindsay Yates, Linda Cotherman, Candy Cohen, Meryl Schaffer, Sally Johnson, Lou Ellen Wilson, Craig Baresel, Heather Stout and Pat Gordon
 - Candy Cohen motioned to notify islanders via email blast and the PIE bulletin boards about Scott Rockoff’s position paper, and have them directly contact Scott Rockoff to receive a copy of the paper and petition. The motion was defeated.
 - Yes vote: Lou Ellen Wilson, Andy Ronald, Monica Errico, Candy Cohen
 - No vote: Lindsay Yates, Linda Cotherman, Sally Johnson, Craig Baresel, Heather Stout and Pat Gordon
 - Abstain: Meryl Schaffer
 - Email from Jeff Bisgrove requesting a letter from PIE to the Englewood Fire Station requesting that they (Englewood Fire Station) look into the fire station and bid on our services.
 - Motion was made by Lou Ellen Wilson to as to if PIE wants to write a letter to the Chief of the Englewood fire station to allow them to enter a bid to take over our services. The motion was defeated.
 - No votes: Lindsay Yates, Linda Cotherman, Candy Cohen, Meryl Schaffer, Monica Errico, Sally Johnson, Lou Ellen Wilson, Baresel, Heather Stout and Pat Gordon
 - Abstain: Andy Ronald
 - Motion was made by Lou Ellen Wilson to not hire an attorney to defend us on issues regarding the new fire station. The motion approved unanimously.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Lindsay Yates
 - Motion was made by Lou Ellen to accept the report as information only. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Report of Corresponding Secretary – Meryl Schaffer
 - Nothing major to report.
8. Committee Reports:
 - Info Central – Sally Johnson
 - There was a good response at last mini CERTS training. Monday March 25th will be the next mini CERTS training.
 - Michael Poff is able to come speak to us about the stump pass dredging at the end of April.
 - Social – update – Rose Malone
 - Dates are on the books for the remainder of this year for the following:
 - Pumpkin patch
 - SantaCon on Nov 30th
 - New Year’s Day Golf cart parade

- Street Dance in February (no date set yet). Rose is looking to book the Gummy Sharks, but hasn't booked them yet. She is open to suggestions for another band as long as they are in the \$500 range.
 - Items still up for discussion are below:
 - Mother's Day brunch, potentially as a fundraiser at the Resort
 - Wine and dessert tasting
 - Yard sale in the fall
- Island Watch – Linda Cotherman
 - The new Fire house is the big issue.
 - Linda met with county last week, and within 3-4 weeks or 3-6 weeks they will be coming out to remove the Brazilian Pepper and Australian Pines for the roads in our MSTU where these trees are in the right of way. The county has said no to giving the mulch away. Affordable Palms will be doing the clearing, and they will be available to give estimates to remove invasive species not in the right of ways to homeowners on the island. The Conservancy has talked to the county about doing gopher tortious relocation as needed during the tree removal if the county is not willing to fund their relocation.
- Utility Update – Craig Baresel
 - No major change. The next county utility meeting is on April 2nd.
- Administration – Lindsay Yates
 - Lindsay took the PIE taxes to another CPA that charged ~\$100 less.
 - Nothing else to report
- Security – Dave Mulvaney
 - Nothing to report
- Scholarship – Heather Stout
 - Nothing to report
- Welcome - Cori Hane Palmere
 - Nothing to report.
- Beautification – Pat Gordon
 - The Gazebo was painted and a minor repair was made to the top. The board thanked Don Schultz for his services to repair and paint the gazebo.

9. Old Business:

- Set Board Meeting Schedules/Times: There was a request from a member to hold meetings at a later time. Lou Ellen Wilson motioned to keep the meeting at the same time and date monthly. The vote passed unanimously.
- Discuss Projects/Events for 2019: tabled until the next meeting.
- Signage for Beach Walk-Overs (Andy):
 - Andy presented 2 options for the beach accesses. Lou Ellen Wilson motioned to approve Andy Ronald to get pricing on new PIE signs that has symbols for items disallowed on the beaches for the PIE beach accesses. Motioned was approved.
 - Yes votes: Lindsay Yates, Linda Cotherman, Candy Cohen, Meryl Schaffer, Monica Errico, Sally Johnson, Lou Ellen Wilson, Andy Ronald, Craig Baresel and Pat Gordon
 - No votes: Heather Stout

10. New Business:

- Gift Certificate to Don Schultz (Repaired & Painted Gazebo)
 - Don Schultz was thanked for his great job on painting the gazebo. Dick Sadenwater helped with the roof repair and Gil Collver also helped with other repairs.
 - Don declined acceptance of a gift certificate for his services.

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

- Conversancy asked if we wanted to be a sponsor for \$125 for casino night. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment: 7:01

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Errico, Secretary