

**Bern Creek Improvement Association Inc.**

**Minutes of the Annual Members Meeting**

**December 5, 2022**

**Bethel Menonite Church**

**2985 Bethel Ln, Sarasota, FL 34240**

Mike Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. A quorum of the board has been achieved with Mike Hutchinson, Cindy Martin, Gary Dahl, Michael Resnick, Kenny Castro and Frank Rich present. Joe Deshane of Pinnacle Community Association Management was also present.

**A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS WAS CERTIFIED WITH 26 MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON AND BY PROXY. (9 by proxy, 17 in person)**

The meeting was properly noticed according to Florida statutes.

Meeting called to order by Mike Hutchinson, President as Susan Schoettle motioned for Mike Hutchinson to chair the meeting, seconded by Eileen Fitzgerald, motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Martin motioned to approve the December 7, 2021, annual Meeting Minutes, Gary Dahl seconded, all in favor **MOTION PASSES.**

**Presidents Report:** Mike Hutchinson submitted the President report. See attached.

**Treasurer Report:** None.

**New business**

Present and vote to approve the 2023 Operating Budget – Frank Rich motioned to approve the 2023 operating budget, seconded by Susan Schoettle, vote passed 26 - 0 to approve the 2023 operating budget.

**Election of officers**

Mike Hutchinson requested a nomination for President, Kaki Decker nominated Leslie Osborn for President, seconded by Carla Rich, all in favor **MOTION PASSES.** With no other nominations, Leslie Osborn has been elected as the 2023 President.

Mike Hutchinson requested nominations for Secretary/Treasurer: Frank Rich was nominated by Carla Rich for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Ken Castro, all in favor, **MOTION PASSES.**

Nominations for Directors: Ken Castro was nominated by Carla Rich, seconded by Susan Schoettle, motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Martin was nominated by Gary Dahl, seconded by Susan Schoettle, motion passed unanimously.

Tommy Gregory decided not to stand for re-election. Oleg Tkachuk volunteered and was elected.

All directors voted in unanimously for a two-year term.

**Review of Lakewood Ranch Southeast:** Mike and Eileen filed an appeal of the approval by the county. Susan updated the status and the need for finances to fight the development. Susan and Mike formed a non-profit "Keep the Country, Inc." to oppose the development proposal which includes 4100 acres and 5,000 dwellings.

**Review of lost checks:** In 2019, two checks owed to the Association were temporarily lost. After Mike filed with the fraud department of the bank the issue was cleared up. The two checks were mistakenly deposited into another HOA account. The correction was made with one deposit with the two checks added together rather than two individual checks, which made it difficult to discover.

**Hurricane Ian Cleanup review:** The County cleaned up most of the debris with two cul-de-sacs remaining to be picked up.

**Celestine Fence update:** There is currently \$28,000 in the fence account with \$4800 per year added into the account. A vote of the Association would be required to remove the fence funding. A consensus of the owners present is to keep funding and maintaining the fence.

**Review of the Frontier offer:** Frank reviewed the bulk internet proposal of 1 GB service. The Board and Association attorney will need to review the proposal. A majority of the owners present approved having the Board move forward with exploring the option.

**Review of Lakepark Estates utility site:** Mike reviewed the pumping station planned on the Southern side of Bern Creek. It will be fenced off with no access to the Hayfield Road to monitor the water flow through the culverts under the Hayfield Road. Bern Creek maintains the culverts to control the runoff from Bern Creek.

**Adjournment:** Mike Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 8:58pm.