

**PANTHER CREEK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Matthew at 7:03P

ATTENDANCE (marked with 'Y')

Board Member	Term	Apr '22	Mar '22
Barnes, Matthew (President)	2022-2024	Y	Y
Blackman, Jennifer	2022-2024	Y	N
Ellis, Michael	2021-2023	Y	Y
Fernholz, Alyssa	2022-2024	Y	Y
Freeman, Drew (Treasurer)	2022-2024	Y	Y
Gebolys, Paul	2021-2023	Y	Y
Hanlin, Kristen	2021-2023	N*	N
Kerner Bobley, Nickole	2022-2024	Y	N
Kowalski, Kevin (Secretary)	2021-2023	Y	Y
Lisiewski, Walter	2022-2024	Y	Y
Lochridge, Gene	2022-2024	Y	Y
Lockwood, Dewey	2021-2023	Y	Y
Nieto, Angelica	2022-2024	N	Y
Powell, Cynthia	2022-2024	N	Y
Reyna, Tina	2022-2024	Y	Y
Reynolds, Mindy	2022-2024	N*	Y
Leavitt, Brian	2021-2023	Y	N
Non-Voting Members			
Ison, Everett	2022-2024	Y	Y

MCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Specialist Eric Medina shared the prior month's stats. Highlights concerning Panther Creek included:

#	Stat	Comments, as needed
1	DWIs	
1	PI	
8	Narcotics arrests	
0	Burglaries of vehicles	
0	Burglaries of habitations	
1	Burglaries of buildings	

2	Criminal mischiefs	
15	Vehicle crashes	
382	Traffic stops	
140	Vacation watches	
214	Directive area patrols	
1114	Total calls for service	
21	Suspicious persons	
8	Suspicious vehicles	
47	Welfare Checks	

RESIDENT & PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri MacArthur – Environmental Services

- Key points covered:
 - o Called attention to information on fliers that are available (also door handlers) that lay out information about issues with the quality of the waterways, and the ways improper disposal of dog waste is contributing.
 - o Some of our waterways are rated as “impaired from contact” (by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality); some waterways are also rated as of poor quality for fish.
 - o What goes into the storm drains (lawn chemicals, raked leaves, etc) doesn’t get treated or filtered, and all the decomposers added to that mix use up oxygen. Consequently, the fish habitat is at risk because of low oxygen levels.
 - o Every MUD in the townships has purchased decals; the Department of Environmental Services is tasked with recruiting help for applying them to storm drains.
 - o May 22 is the (rescheduled) date for volunteers to join the effort at Ridgewood Park
 - o An overview was provided concerning the certificate program offered by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department for becoming a “Texas Waters Specialist”.
 - o Certification can now be administered and provided by the Township’s Department of Environmental Services for kids in grades 9-12.
 - o A question was asked about areas where storm drain inlets are on private property.
 - Answer - If there’s a storm drain inlet they’re within the jurisdiction
 - o Dan Lewis shared that the “poop bags” have historically been a giveaway item at Village Association events

Walt Lisiewski, running for re-election for MUD 1

- Shared that he was running and offered reminders about the dates related to the election

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

Dr. Shelley Sekula-Gibbs

- Key points covered:

- A new revenue stream from sales tax is coming in tied to web-based sales (i.e. sales taxes staying local relative to where purchases are made).
- Offered a reminder that the Township would be closed on Friday (Good Friday)
- Shared that progress is being made towards determining the feasibility of extending trolley service to the villages.
- A concern was raised about the state of ownership of the old Randall's location and the implications for extended trolley service if there's no developments on that front (i.e. finding a new flagship tenant for the Panther Creek shopping center).

SECRETARY

- Drew made a motion to approve, seconded by Paul. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- There was income in March for Township Green-Up and the Flea Market.
- Expenses included a storage fee paid to Kim Lewis, Insurance Fees, and 2021 + 2022 YMCA Donations.
- There was a question about the storage fee, and it was clarified that the fee is annual, not monthly.
- There was a question about the income for 2021 that has yet to be received; Everett provided history about the process that has been followed thus far to address.
- The board walked through the list of non-qualified budget items, including:
 - Interfaith – a non-denominational, non-religious charity
 - Leadership Montgomery County Scholarship
 - Operation Blue Elf - kids of law enforcement
 - Regent Care Holiday Parties – support for holiday events for the seniors (e.g. Easter baskets, Christmas parties)
- A question was asked about the imbalance between the non-grant qualified income vs. expenses and grant qualified income vs. expenses
 - There was a suggestion to make sure to budget for all of the Grant Qualified income
 - A need for a correction to the budget items for the baseball outing items that was identified and acted on in both grant qualified and non-grant qualified sections
- Following some in-meeting amendments based on the discussion held earlier, the budget was re-reviewed.
- Jennifer Blackman made a motion to approve, seconded by Walk. Budget was approved.

VILLAGE LIAISON

- Holly Stanky (filling in for Amy Tidwell) addressed the attendees
- Highlights of items discussed included:
 - On April 20, The Woodlands Fire Department will have a representative talking about fire department dispatch and how it works; the event will be via Zoom and details can be found not the Township website
 - Coffee with a cop will be on April 21 in the morning at Starbucks in Panther Creek.
 - Coordinator Connection, for volunteer neighborhood coordinators, there will be two sessions (morning and evening) on May 17th. More information to come on this event next meeting.

- The next dog walker walk will be May 1st at Rob Fleming Park from 10am – noon; then again on May 15th and May 21st (Terramont Park).
- Pools will open on May 14th

PARKS AND RECREATION

- The advisement committee met on April 4th
- There was a lot of discussion on the needs assessment survey.
- There was discussion about the need to keep telling the Township that more trash cans are needed.
- The needs assessment is live now until April 18th
- A guest commented on the issue of the trash cans, advising that placement may be more of an issue as opposed to quantity.
- Most of the parks are on a 10-year cycle
- There was a comment about the need to combat mosquitos and the fact that some residents take their own measures (e.g. mosquito bombs)

COMMUNICATIONS

- There was broad discussion about efforts to update the Facebook and Twitter accounts
- Alyssa will be helping manage the Facebook account.
- An update to the newsletter process will also be forthcoming.
- There was also discussion about taking advantage of the benefits of “liking” pages of other local organizations / entities.
- Dan addressed the history of the website, and discussed the complexity of the current website and the need for a sustainable solution.
- The website infrastructure will require someone who can help manage, and a new home will be needed.
- Dan also offered to help execute a transition plan.
- There was broad discussion around potential paths forward, and agreement that further planning around this transition needs to be fleshed out.
- The topic of the website will be revisited at the next meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- Mindy is in the process of taking over the scholarship process / materials from Kevin Currey

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

An update [at the outset of the meeting] was provided on a recent change to rules regarding village association utilization of Township property. There can no longer be political activity or campaigning on Township property during a village association meeting. The special provision that allowed for that is no longer in place. During time allotted for public comment, candidates may introduce themselves and state what they are running for, but nothing more.

Following the Communication report, Matthew suggested forming committees so that additional support can be secured for the various efforts the board provides reports on each month. Potential committees could include: scholarship, flea market, social, communications, outreach.

OLD BUSINESS

Google Drive

- There was agreement to utilize a gmail account created by Drew.

Flea Market

- There will be not spring flea market due to scheduling issues; the plan is to move forward for the Fall

Picnic

- There is a need for a new chair over the picnic
- The date is June 18th
- Drew Freeman volunteered

New Member "Orientation"

- To continue to orient the board members (old and new) to the new board composition, all board members in attendance introduced themselves

NEW BUSINESS

Bike Month

The Township is taking over from the fire department that allows you to register your bike so it can be tracked in the event it is stolen.

Vice President Vacancy

Walt nominated Mindy, no others were nominated, so the nomination will be up for acceptance at the next meeting.

Name Tags

It was confirmed that Sunsational Signs is able to make them.

Speaker Schedule

The suggestion was raised for consideration that guest speakers be limited to every other meeting, in order to limit the length of alternating meetings.

By-Law Update

It was agreed that a by-law committee should be formed, and members were asked prepare to discuss at next meeting.

Baseball Outing

Tina volunteered to look into ticket prices.

Group Photo

A group photo was taken after the meeting adjourned.

ROUNDTABLE & ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

Minutes submitted by Kevin Kowalski, Secretary, Panther Creek Village Association.