

**PANTHER CREEK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING  
MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Matthew Barnes at 7:04PM

**ATTENDANCE**

(Y = in attendance, N = not in attendance, \* = board was notified in advance regarding attendance)

Board Member	Title	May '22	Apr '22	Mar '22
<b>A Positions (for election in odd years)</b>				
Barnes, Matthew (President)	President	Y	Y	Y
Kowalski, Kevin (Secretary)	Secretary	Y	Y	Y
Ellis, Michael	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
Lockwood, Dewey	Area Rep	N*	Y	Y
Leavitt, Brian	Area Rep	Y	Y	N
Gebolys, Paul	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
Hanlin, Kristen	Area Rep	N	N*	N
Lisiewski, Walter	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
Lochrige, Gene	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
<b>B Positions (for election in even years)</b>				
Fernholz, Alyssa	Area Rep	N*	Y	Y
Blackman, Jennifer	Area Rep	Y	Y	N
Freeman, Drew (Treasurer)	Treasurer	Y	Y	Y
Powell, Cynthia	Area Rep	Y	N	Y
Reyna, Tina	Area Rep	Y	Y	Y
Reynolds, Mindy	Vice President	Y	N*	Y
<i>open</i>				
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<b>Non-Voting Members</b>				
Ison, Everett	Past President	N	Y	Y

**MCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

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

Stat	Apr '22	Mar '22
DWIs	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

PI	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Narcotics arrests	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
Burglaries of vehicles	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Burglaries of habitations	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Burglaries of buildings	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Criminal mischiefs	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Vehicle crashes	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
Traffic stops	<b>427</b>	<b>382</b>
Vacation watches	<b>168</b>	<b>140</b>
Directive area patrols	<b>280</b>	<b>214</b>
Total calls for service	<b>1,218</b>	<b>1114</b>
Suspicious persons	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>
Suspicious vehicles	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
Welfare Checks	<b>36</b>	<b>47</b>

Notes:

- At Holly Creek apartments, the maintenance room was broken into.
- In the future, there are efforts underway to provide for more information breaking down traffic stops by type of citation or reason for the stop.

## **RESIDENT & PUBLIC COMMENT**

Unnamed resident

- A resident in attendance (name not provided) addressed the attendees, sharing concern about the behavior of people on our walking trails.
- More specifically, she expressed concern about biker etiquette and also an increase in the number of encounters she’s had with people on electric bikes and scooters.
- Mindy shared her understanding that The Township is deliberating over what to do with electric bikes/scooters/etc.
- Specialist Medina also clarified that the traffic code only applies to the roadways, so law enforcement can’t enforce the “no motor vehicles” rule.

Jennifer Blackman

- Jennifer addressed the attendees, sharing her concern and desire to raise awareness about the recent high school student deaths due to accidental drug over dose.
- She offered the suggesting that an awareness campaign (focused on mental health and drug awareness) be considered by the village association.
- There was discussion about measures that can be taken (citing a specific opioid antagonist that can be purchased from CVS) in order to help in emergency situations involving overdose.
- Specialist Medina shared that first responders are receiving focused training and also advised caution when administering emergency first aid, encouraging deferral to medical professionals as much as possible.
- There was broad discussion amongst the group about the particular concerns surround fentanyl, and what can / could be done to help raise awareness about the risks.

- Specialist Medina confirmed the Sheriff's office would be available to support and participate in a community-wide events aimed at raising awareness for issues such as this.
- Specialist Medina also offered a reminder about an upcoming drug take-back program

Terri MacArthur, Township Environmental Services

- Terri reminded the attendees about the upcoming event at Ridgewood park on Saturday, May 21 from 9-11am.
- The event is to help raise awareness about the campaign to improve water quality.
- Drain markers will be provided to those who participate
- Volunteers can sign up in advance online.
- Links to the event have been posted to the PCVAB Facebook page.
- Terri offered a reminder that it is illegal to put anything (other than rain water) in a storm drain in The Woodlands.
- A question was asked about large white bags in the drainage ditch near Lake Woodland and New Trails...it was speculated that they might contain fertilizer being stored temporarily. Terri confirmed she would investigate.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS**

- N/A

### **SECRETARY**

- There was some clarifying discussion regarding the term assignments for all the active board members as well as the empty board seats. Minutes will reflect the corrections going forward.
- Tina made a motion to approve, seconded by Drew. Minutes were approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- There was discussion about the need for Drew to visit the bank with Matthew in order to approve the removal of a paper statement fee on the association's account.
- Michael made a motion to approve, seconded by Mindy. Budget was approved.

### **VILLAGE LIAISON**

Sue (speaking on behalf of Amy Tidwell) offered information on upcoming events, including:

- Paddle with your pup this Saturday at the boathouse
- Coffee with a cop at the Starbucks in Kroger at the Alden Bridge Shopping Center on May 18
- Bike to work day on May 20
- Bike the woodlands day on May 21
- Dog Walker Watch on May 21
- At Water Way Park there will be a salute to first responders on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup>
- Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-noon there is an open house at the fire station near Collins Intermediate...the association board can set up a table.
- Pool safety week starts on June 22

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- No meeting last month, and there won't be another meeting for the next 3 months
- There is an event Environmental Services is organizing focused on birding at Lakeside Park on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

- Drew provided an update on Dewey's behalf
- There was discussion about Smart 911 and the benefits.
- There was discussion about how 911 doesn't have your information when you call, unless you provide that in advance to Smart 911.
- Drew also relayed guidance from a 911 dispatcher that anyone who deems their situation to be an emergency should call 911 without concern that the non-emergency line might be appropriate.
- There was also discussion about the fact the we (in Montgomery County) are set up so that individuals can text 911.
- Walt shared a personal experience of having to call 911 and how appreciative and impressed he was.
- It was clarified that every one of our fire trucks have an EMT.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Matthew provided an update for Alyssa, sharing that there has been more activity on the Facebook page.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Mindy shared that the scholarship form went to CPHS, TWHS, and John Cooper
- The date has been extended and applicants have until May 30<sup>th</sup>
- The board was encouraged to help share information about the scholarship to raise awareness and help attract applicants.
- There was discussion about trade schools and ensuring the scholarship is more broad.
- Matthew shared that there's a conversation going on with the other villages about the ability of children of board members to apply for these scholarships. A suggestion is to only let the committee member overseeing the scholarship see the names of applicants in order to avoid the conflict of interest.

## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Matthew confirmed that name tags have been ordered.

He also informed the board about an upcoming meeting with the art league to discuss the idea of painting trash cans in the parks. He spoke with the presidents of the other village associations and there's shared interest in exploring this further.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **By-Laws**

- At the end of 2019 or start of 2020 a new set of by-laws were approved, but a signed copy never made it to The Township.
- There was discussion about the possible path forward where Matthew could just sign those and submit them as-is.

- Instead, there was agreement that Michael (with Jennifer) would review the by-laws before submission.

#### **Picnic**

- Drew has the binder with info from past events
- Event is on June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Drew plans to use sign-up genius
- Actual picnic is from 11am – 2pm
- There will be a fire truck and Kona Ice.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Website**

- Matthew is getting the email list from the old website so we can migrate to using something like Survey Monkey.
- Jennifer and Matthew have started working on a transition plan for the website, focusing on an approach that would involve a new, simpler website.
- There was discussion about savings that could be realized with a new website hosting option.

#### **Baseball Outing**

- Tina provided an update.
- A date needs to be determined and a number of tickets.
- Matthew proposed an alternative, suggesting we forego the baseball game in favor of a Fall picnic (with a cause).
- A motion was made by Drew to replace baseball with a Fall movie night; seconded by Gene. Motion was carried.
- Mindy volunteered to gather information on options for the Fall (e.g. parks available, dates, etc)

#### **Flea Market**

- There was a suggestion by Walt to look into alternative venues and hours for operation
- There is a 180 day notice to the county that is required for any event where there is impact to traffic.
- Further discussion will be resumed in future meetings.

## **ROUNDTABLE & ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.*

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