

**PANTHER CREEK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Matthew Barnes at 7:01PM

ATTENDANCE

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

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

MCSO LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Specialist Eric Medina was in attendance:

Stat	Jun '22	Apr '22	Mar '22
DWIs	1	7	1
PI	0	2	1
Narcotics calls	3	3	8

Burglaries of vehicles	1	3	0
Burglaries of habitations	0	0	0
Burglaries of buildings	0	1	1
Criminal mischiefs	1	1	2
Vehicle crashes	11	12	15
Traffic stops	395	427	382
Vacation watches	258	168	140
Directive area patrols	288	280	214
Total calls for service	1,289	1,218	1114
Suspicious persons	23	24	21
Suspicious vehicles	14	16	8
Welfare Checks	42	36	47

- A question was about 1 Lakes Edge and 2 Lakes Edge and what village they fall into
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RESIDENT & PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Palmer Buck

- Shared information about the fire department’s ongoing open houses (through the month of June, plus one in July at the big station in The Woodlands) and the partnerships that will make the events possible (e.g. MCSO, Texas Children’s Hospital, H-E-B).
- Offered a reminder about the importance of precautions in such hot and dry conditions; encouraged drinking of fluids and checking on others who may not be dealing with the heat very well
- There have already been some environmental emergencies related to people overestimating their ability to withstand the heat
- With hurricane season coming, a reminder was also offered about the importance of having emergency plans
- Reminder was also offered about fireworks not being allowed (per the Township by the covenant)
- A question was asked about the Woodlands’ susceptibility to wildfires (potentially due to untended brush); Chief Buck advised that a much longer drought would be needed to trigger the need for additional measures, and he also shared that there is now a brush truck in the fire department’s fleet.

John Hinnegan (sp?)

- Addressed the board on behalf of a group of 4th of July parade organizers
- They need assistance finding and accessing supplies that have been stored from prior years’ parades, and Kim Lewis had been a point of contact in the past
- Matthew assured John that access can be provided to the storage unit where parade supplies are currently stored
- John shared that a core team of 4 people do a lot of planning and organizing for the parade
- Matthew provided clarity around how the storage unit used by PCVAB is paid for; PCVAB pays for half and the other half has been covered in the past by the flea market (meaning it is in effect partly paid for by all of the villages)
- It was confirmed that the theme for the parade this year is “stronger together”

Everett Ison

- Shared and provided some high level info about an app called Pulse Point run by the Montgomery County Health Department
- Individuals who know CPR can be accounted for in the app so that, in the event of an emergency in a predetermined area (according to preferences), they can receive a notification and have an opportunity to respond in advance of the arrival of paramedics.
- The app notifies people who are CPR trained / certified in parallel with the authorities.
- It was clarified during discussion amongst all in attendance that certification for CPR can be obtained through the Red Cross.
- It was also suggested that the fire department could be called to see about recommendations if anyone is interested in getting CPR certified.

Alyssa Fernholz

- Raised awareness about the development on the island on Lake Woodlands causing a lot dust-related issues.
- The issue has also been raised within the Windward HOA.
- Emails sent in attempts to contact the senior project manager have not led to responses yet.
- Dr. Gibbs advised also putting in a call to 311 to raise the issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS (Dr. Shelley Sekula Gibbs)

- Raised awareness about the July 4th parade and encouraged the village association to attend and participate.
- Shared some highlights from the community magazine regarding The Woodlands (sources not known as of the writing of these minutes):
 - o We are the #1 best city
 - o We have Class 1 fire departments
 - o We the aquatics “agency of the year”
 - o We have the highest bond rating in the state (the highest possible for an unincorporated entity)
 - o We have a top rated finance department
 - o Our neighborhood watch is also top-rated
 - o We have been awarded “best innovative program” for Texas Tree Ventures as well as the Riva Row Boat house (not all in the same year)
 - o We have the #1 walk to school program in TX
 - o We were awarded the “Keep Texas Beautiful” award for the best recycling program; we currently have a 7% rejection rate.
 - A question was asked about whether colored glass is being accepted and it was confirmed that, yes, it is.
 - o We were awarded a “gold award” for our township together branding
- Shared that a recent tennis tournament (~500 participants) was held and helped support hotel sales taxes that are now exceeding 2019 levels

- Shared that the LPGA will be bringing their Chevron tournament from California to the course in Carlton Woods.
- Asked for some help regarding potential plans to widen State Highway 242
 - o Texas DoT came to the Township and talked about plans for widening
 - o A pathway (from 1488 to Harper's Landing) would be included, but we will pay
 - o The project is in the planning stages, no timeline is known.
 - o Concern was expressed about the visual appeal (or lack thereof) of a sound wall; there was also discussion about natural (i.e. trees) versus constructed sound walls
 - o On June 21st there is an online, pre-recorded meeting and there are opportunities for public comment
 - o Thursday June, 23 there will be a public in-person meeting
- A question was asked by a resident about mosquitoes in high risk areas; it was confirmed that zip codes 77380 and 77382 are scheduled to be sprayed.
 - o The county is responsible for that and they respond to comments.

SECRETARY

- There was a request and, in response, agreement to make the draft minutes available earlier, even if in un-finished form.
- Mindy made a motion to approve, seconded by Tina. Minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Tina made a motion to approve, seconded by multiple board members simultaneously. Budget was approved.

VILLAGE LIAISON

Amy Tidwell shared information regarding the following:

- Blood drives coming up
- Pool party from 11am - 2pm on the June 18th
- Community safety expo
- Neighborhood parties
- Materials on hurricane preparedness

PARKS AND RECREATION

LAW ENFORCEMENT

- None

COMMUNICATIONS (update shared by Alyssa)

- Facebook engagement is trending in a positive direction
- We able to validate how many people are being reached with our posts.
- She also encouraged suggestions for content to post.
- Matthew shared that he has the newsletter list from the old website and will be using it with Mail Chimp to start sending out monthly newsletters.
- Jennifer asked a question about the process for updating the Woodlands magazine; there is a 2-month cycle.
- There was discussion about how to improve the content and the update process.

- There was a question about whether we have an official logo and a suggestion to consider creating one; the logo could be used to sell merchandise.
- There was a suggestion to have a Panther Creek logo contest, moving in a direction of a unifying brand that can be used going forward.
- General agreement was reached around the idea of making the effort a community building event.
- Broadly, there was also agreement to try to use the Movie Night as the kick-off and the June picnic in 2023 as the end.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- There are 2 scholarships submitted as of today, both are verified Panther Creek residents.
- There was a suggestion to find out what kind of reception the other village associations get to the scholarship offer.
- There was discussion about ways we can heighten awareness about the awards.
- There was a motion to award the 2 scholarships to both applicants, and all approved.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Matthew shared a couple of items

- For Green Up we got \$300
- Re: the flea market
 - o December 3 is a date approved by the Pavillion, the Marriott, and the Woodlands Township...there's still word to come from Precint 3 about traffic impacts
 - o There is a potential location on Lakeside; also could be the Park and Ride
 - o Everett shared that in the past the event was held at the Sawdust Park and Ride and there were issues with parking
 - o Megan Meaux is looking
- Re: the movie night
 - o On October 2, Meadowlake Park is reserved; it is the local national night out
 - o October 8 is another potential date; there was agreement around that date
 - o If there's any equipment we'd like to use from the Township we may have the option
 - o We'd likely look at bringing in a service to
 - o Mindy agreed to call the church to request permission to use the parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS

July 4 Parade

- There was discussion about interest to participate and willingness of volunteers
- There was agreement that we'd determine our plans by June 18th.

Website

- Jennifer shared an update and provided a preview of the latest draft that has been built on WiX.
- There was discussion about readiness to transition and ensure our existing domains are updated.
- A motion was made to start with the new website and subscribe at the lowest subscription tier (by Tina, seconded by Brian).

- There was a question about whether we should offer to have Panther Creek businesses pay to feature their logo on our website. Discussion led to the notion of having a Panther Creek business directory. Alden Bridge takes a similar approach.
- There was agreement around making sure there's a way to highlight sponsors on the website.

Movie Night

- See president's comments

Flea Market

- See president's comments

By-law Update

- Jennifer offered an update on discussions she had with Michael
- The only change between the versions reviewed was the ability to add non-voting members.
- There was a question about whether we go by the calendar year for our fiscal year, and that was confirmed
- We seem to be the only village counting owners of property who don't live in the village as eligible voters.
- Some other villages have conflict of interest clauses that may be worth considering for inclusion.
- There could be some improvements around the procedures around appointments to the board and term assignments.

Picnic

- Drew provided an update.
- There is a Sign Up Genius form for volunteering that's live.
- Drew encouraged volunteers and discussed some specific needs that are anticipated.
- Kona Ice is confirmed to be there from 12-2pm; we will be charged \$2 per snow cone; residents in attendance will not be charged.
- Everett will have people there to help with flags.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Format

- Discussions have been had and are ongoing about how to incorporate virtual attendance options for the meetings again.
- A consideration for the board will be how to manage the meeting.

ROUNDTABLE & ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

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