

**PANTHER CREEK VILLAGE ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FOR MARCH 10, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Everett at 7:02P

ATTENDANCE (marked with 'Y')

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

GUESTS / SPEAKER

Palmer Buck, The Woodlands Fire Chief
Specialist Eric Medina
John McGowan (+ team) – The Woodlands Township Parks & Recreation
Andy DuBois – Precinct 3
Sharon D. - YMCA

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Highlights concerning Panther Creek:

#	Stat	Comments, as needed
1	DWIs	
1	PI	
2	Narcotics arrests	
0	Burglaries of vehicles	
0	Burglaries of habitations	
0	Burglaries of buildings	
0	Criminal mischiefs	
7	Vehicle crashes	
319	Traffic stops	
18	Vacation watches	
280	Directive area patrols	
914	Total calls for service	
17	Suspicious persons	
13	Suspicious vehicles	
39	Welfare Checks	

Specialist Medina offered a reminder about the Autism Awareness initiative and provided an overview.

He also stressed the need to be cautious about what is left in cars when left in parking lots.

There was discussion about the technology that bad actors can utilize to take VIN #s and the radio signals between key FOBs and the car to steal cars.

Paul asked a question about a house nearby that frequently has different cars, and recently there was a police call there and also a church group on site doing service work. He expressed an interest (on behalf of a neighbor) in being able to find out whether such a house is a halfway house. Specialist Medina shared that there can be circumstances (e.g. battered woman's shelters) where that information will be closely guarded. He also advised that checking with tax office can be an option if additional information is desired.

Cynthia asked about a recent robbery of an optometrist's office. Specialist Medina did not have any specific details, but he shared that robberies of doctors offices (also pharmacies) often are targeting controlled substances.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

Palmer Buck, The Woodlands Fire Chief, addressed the board + guests. Key discussion points included:

- Reminded the board and attendees that his intention is to visit each board on a quarterly basis.
- Provided an overview of upcoming efforts to highlight emergency preparedness measures people can be taking.
- Addressed lightening strikes, highlighting that they are a frequent causes for fires in The Woodlands, and calls for check-ins by the fire department due to suspected lightening strikes are encouraged.
- Everett made a comment about the importance of making sure smoke alarms are installed correctly.

Representatives from/for The Woodlands Department of Parks & Recreation addressed the board and attendees.

- John McGowan opened and talked about the recent needs assessment that hasn't been conducted in 10 years.
- The project manager, Hugo Colon, and deputy project manager, Isabelle Asakura, provided an overview of the assessment.
- The assessment focused on athletic sports fields, aquatic facilities and the park/trail system.
- Goals of the project included:
 - o Meeting needs of current and future parks users
 - o Identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities
 - o Foster economic development through athletic and recreational tourism
 - o Develop recommendations that balance residential and tourism needs
- A survey will be made available (between April and May), and there was discussion about the plan for making residents aware. Suggestions / ideas raised included: putting stickers with QR codes in the parks, sending a mailer with a QR code, and utilizing village association social media groups.
- The project plan is targeting a final report in the August timeframe.

Andy DuBois from Montgomery County Precinct 3

- Came to address the pedestrian crossing at Gosling near Collins Intermediate
- Key points from the discussion included:
 - o He consulted with Rick Wong, the country traffic engineer
 - o A warrant study would be required if a traffic light / signal was desired
 - o The expectation is that the criteria would NOT be met to warrant a traffic signal
 - o There are some opportunities to trim back some vegetation
 - o Everett advised that in a 10-year plan from the Houston region there are designs to expand Gosling even more.
 - o There was a question about authority over the pathways in the township - the township maintains all of the pathways and has also handled things like striping of the crosswalks near parks
 - o In the coming months, there will be some work done to repair a dip in Interfaith Way between East and West Panther Creek. This will affect traffic flow.

Sharon D. – Speaking on behalf of the YMCA

- Addressed the board and attendees to raise awareness about fundraising going on and the community services the YMCA offers.
- Key points from the discussion included:
 - o During the pandemic, the Y opened childcare facilities for first responders.
 - o There was a question about how much the other village association boards give to the Y fundraiser each year. It was confirmed that Panther Creek is the only village that typically gives.
 - o There was discussion about the difference between grant qualified and non-grant qualified funds...and the board's means for giving to the YMCA's fundraising efforts.
 - o Agreement was also reached around the amount budgeted (for both 2021 and 2022) to continue to give.

MINUTES

No minutes were captured last meeting. Secretary was unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting and a backup meeting minutes taker was not able to be identified.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

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PROGRAM SPECIALIST

A packet of information was provided.

Residential Design Review Committee

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Development Standards Committee

N/A

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

Upcoming events were highlighted, including:

- Arts in the Park is March 12 at North Shore Park
- April 16 there is a Run and Done event at Creekside Park
- March 11 there is a part-time job fair at Bear Branch Park
- On March 22 there will be a Green Up, Clean Up at Ridgewood

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

N/A

SCHOLARSHIPS

Kevin Currey is not going to be able to service the scholarship from Wyoming. A new point person will be needed. Mindy expressed interest.

TOWNSHIP DIRECTORS

None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Everett offered some final words, expressing appreciation for the experience as president for over 20 years.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Picnic

- Approval has been secured for June 11. The pavilion from (x-x am). The pool all day.

Election Results & New Board Members

- One winning candidate was disqualified due to the fact that residency did not fall within the bounds of Panther Creek.
- There was discussion focused on clarifying how many open spots exist, given the election results and board member resignations; time was spent identifying all existing members (including newly elected members).
- The current vice president was contacted and it was confirmed that he would be needing to resign, creating an additional opening for an officer position.
- Resulting from the inventory of open spots, it was determined (and approved by the board) that Drew Freeman, Matt Barnes, Walt Lisiewski, Gene Lochridge, and Everett Ison were confirmed as members of the board.
- There was discussion about the election and some materials that were prepared and distributed beforehand, helping generate support that resulted in several new members being elected but also potentially causing confusion + concerns focusing around the distinction between voter guides and sample ballots.
- Views on the matter were passionately expressed, while clarity and consensus around the board's shared purpose were sought in earnest.

Officer's Elections

- Votes were taken and Matt Barnes was elected president
- Drew was nominated as Treasurer and was unopposed.
- Jennifer Majors Baca was nominated as Vice President and was unopposed.

AGENDA ITEM'S FOR NEXT MEETING

Baseball outing

- Drew will connect with Kim Lewis to find out the details.

RESIDENT'S COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM.

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