

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SPRING LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

A workshop was held Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center, 209 Spring Lake Boulevard, Sebring, Florida.

Present were:

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| Bill Lawens | Chairman |
| Gary Behrendt | Vice Chairman |
| Tim McKenna | Secretary |
| Brian Acker | Asst. Secretary |
| Leon Van | Asst. Secretary |

Also present were:

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| William Nielander | District Attorney |
| Joe DeCerbo | District Manager |
| Clay Shrum | Asst. District Manager |

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| Residents | "See Sign in Sheet" |
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FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call and Pledge

Chairman Lawens called the meeting to order and led the Pledge.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Fishing and Boating

Chairman Lawens announced the workshop was publicly noticed; appeared on the monthly water bill; was on the web-site; and an e-mail blast was sent out as well. The first issue to be discussed was going to be fishing and boating in District Waterways, and he turned the workshop over to Attorney Nielander who described the history of Resolution 94-4 and who then asked for public opinion. In response to a question regarding the Board's right to even have policies, the Attorney and Joe DeCerbo described the charter and the powers the District Board has regarding use of the waterways.

Several residents spoke on behalf of their various communities, in particular Village 8; Country Club Villas; Waterway Villas; and Golf View Villas. All speakers were in favor of fishing being allowed, and several were in favor of non-motorized boats as well. Village 8 feels they have a special circumstance as a result of their feeling that everyone bought into that Village with

fishing and paddle boat rights allowed. Aside from a basic right to fish, some additional suggestions were presented: issue Spring Lake fishing tags; allow fishing only for Spring Lake residents; and let the regulatory agencies i.e. FWC handle enforcement.

Chairman Lawens asked if anyone was against fishing, and no one voiced opposition. Board members agreed the Resolution could be cleaned up, and that they were not against fishing. The issue of Trespass is the larger of the policies and, as the Attorney stated, is the only enforcement option that the Board has. How to balance trespassing and the right to fish on your own property was raised by Mr. Acker, as well as the impact of the future use of the STA. Additionally, boating restrictions have been on the books since 1977. Mr. Lawens will be asking the Attorney and Tim McKenna to develop future guidelines and recommendations.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tax Exemptions

Resident Don Cunning presented the position of Village 8, and discussion took place on what was and was not told by staff to Village 8 residents and the churches on the charter revision process and charter costs. Attorney Nielander reviewed the Board's lack of authority to grant exemptions if it is not specifically stated in the Charter. In the past, there have been no attempts to include tax exemptions in the Charter. It was noted by Mr. Acker that the issue of exemptions has never come before the Board, only to staff.

Mr. Acker stated that this is a fairness issue regarding the taxation of what is considered a common area. In his review of the tax assessor's process, Village 8 has a strap number for their park, and it is taxed separately. Other HOA's have common areas divided up as a fractional part of each owners assessment, and is listed as what is known as "informational only." These common areas do not have strap numbers, and are not assessed. Discussion centered on the fairness of Village 8 being taxed one way, and the HOA's another.

The Chair will be asking Attorney Nielander to look into the Village 8 Strap number issue.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

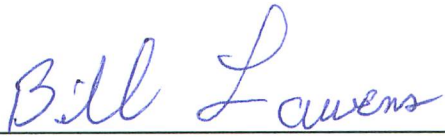
Adjourn Public Workshop

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| <p>ON MOTION by Leon Van, seconded by Tim McKenna with all in favor the public workshop was adjourned.</p> |
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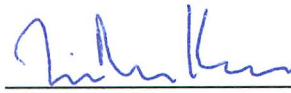
FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Recess Meeting

ON MOTION by Leon Van, seconded by Gary Behrendt
With all in favor to recess the Board meeting and return
To the District Office.



Bill Lawens, Chairman



Tim McKenna Secretary