

# PINE RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

(AMENDED/APPROVED AT 11/15/16 BOARD MEETING)

BOARD PRESIDENT'S HOME

October 27, 2016, 6:05-6:55 PM

Meeting was called to order by Caroline Martino at 6:05 PM

All Board members were present: Caroline Martino, Joan Ginsberg, Margot Kaufman, Carol Girardin, Bob Kaufman, Ed Livingston, Al Jones, Alan Brown, Cindy Dreyfuss.

Caroline stated 3 points to address tonight:

- 1) Do we sign the agreement that Al J received from Pam at the County?
- 2) Do we have the trees trimmed?
- 3) Who do we hire?

Item 1 - It was said that we already have an agreement from when the trees were planted. No need for a new one. Several people said that we cannot encumber the Voluntary members of a Voluntary Civic Association to pay for tree maintenance forever!!

After discussion, Bob made a motion to not sign the new agreement from the county. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-1 with Al Jones dissenting.

Item 2 - Discussion addressed the fact that the 274 paid members of the voluntary association are spending approximately 52% of the dues collected to trim the trees in front of the 40 properties on the Trail where only 21 of those property owners have paid dues in 2016. We have 547

properties in the Pine Ridge subdivision. There are 528 owners (some people own multiple properties) and there are 274 paid members in 2016. Cindy volunteered, if the board desires, to go door-to-door on The Trail to request that all owners there become due paying members of the PRCA. Also discussed — the trees enhance the appearance of the roadway in front of Pine Ridge. It was mentioned that if the trees are trimmed soon, they most probably will not need anything for a couple of years. There was verbal agreement between previous board and the county, for PRCA to trim the trees one time to keep the schools buses from hitting the branches.

Caroline will call Pam at the county to inform her that the Association will not sign the agreement.

Item 3 - The Board reviewed the three estimates/quotes that we had received to do the trimming. There were questions about them. There are bids from Erik Huter (Off he Top, LLC) and Chris D. (Del's Lawn and Tree Service) and an Estimate from Joe Molter (Molter Landscape, Inc.). We need clarification from Del's since there seems to be two proposals with different levels of work, and from Joe Molter since there is not a definite price — just an estimate.

Margot will contact Chris at Del's and Al J will contact Joe Molter.

Al J made a motion to get the lowest bid and have them do the work. There was no second to the motion. The lowest bid is Molter's but others stated that it is not the final, actual price . Caroline asked Al to contact Joe M to have him rectify his paperwork to a specific "bid" showing the actual price with no option to change the price when work is under way.

Caroline suggested that we have the ambiguous wording in the Molter proposal cleared up and also clarify Del's proposal and then vote by email to select the lowest and best bid of the three we have. Carol and Bob mentioned that we have to do what is best for the majority and that many members would probably drop out of the association if they felt that most/all of the association money is being spent on the trees.

The items that we want clarified are:

- a) Scope of work
- b) Time frame
- c) Price
- d) Payment schedule

Cindy made a new motion stating that after clarification, the bids will be sent to the board by email. Board members will then vote by email on which bid to accept. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-2 with Carol and Bob dissenting.

The 2017 budget will be on the agenda for the November Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM