



**Home Owner's Association of Lake Ramsey
Minutes of July 25, 2019
Fire Station Hwy. 25**

Two board members were not in attendance, Dave Caldwell and Steve King. All other Board members were present.

Meeting was called to order by Dimy Cossich @ 7pm and Dimy offered a prayer.

Lt. Griffin from the Sheriff's Dept was introduced and asked to speak on Title 32. This title allows **all** motor vehicle laws to be enforced on **all** roads in the State of Louisiana, including all private roads and residential sub divisions. The parish adopted this article and it is in force in St. Tammany Parish. Lt Griffin stated that public safety is the first priority for the Sheriff's Dept. She then stated that golf carts and 4-wheelers are illegal on all State and Parish roads including inside Lake Ramsey sub division.

The Lt stated that NO 4-wheeler can be made street legal...PERIOD!

Lt Griffin did say that a golf carts can be made street legal by going to the parish and requesting a list of required safety devices which must be installed and then approved by the parish before the golf cart can be registered as street legal.

There were many references to incidents that residents have encountered regarding these vehicles being on the streets here in Lake Ramsey. Lt Griffin listened to those concerns.

A question was asked about what residents can do to curb the use of these vehicles and Lt Griffin stated that calling the Sheriff's office and reporting the activity was the only thing a resident could and should do. The sheriff's office welcomes as much detail as the caller can provide, but does not recommend video or confrontation with the violators.

The Lt. stated that they will respond as soon as the can, but other crimes take priority. A resident will be asked if they want the deputy to stop by their house when he/she arrives to check the complaint. Saying yes simply confirms the deputy came out and responded. One resident stated that he called in a complaint a 6pm and was awakened at 12am by the deputy. The Lt stated that was the time he could come and respond. Again, there are higher priorities, but all calls are registered and will be responded to.

Several residents said that deputies have said they cannot enforce the state motor vehicle laws because we are a private sub division. The Lt. said that is incorrect and she will review that problem with the deputies. **All motor vehicle laws are to be enforced on all state roads, public and private, including the Lake Ramsey sub division.**

Lt Griffin was asked about additional patrols in the neighborhood. She said that was a time and manpower issue. The board had arranged a special patrol and a board member had volunteered his driveway for the deputy to park, but Lt Griffin stated she was down 2 officers and the patrol was cancelled.

The discussion was brought to a close and Lt. Griffin left the meeting

Jeff Burton gave the treasure report. He stated that we were on budget for June spending \$12,252.80 vs our budget of \$13,637.16. YTD the Association has spent \$73,212.71 vs our budget of \$81,822.96. Jeff said he would be running a projection on the proposed expenditures and contractual obligations to make certain the Association stays on budget.

Next up was a discussion on the owner's roadway entrance and the unreasonable delay in getting it repaired. The board agrees the delay has been unreasonable and is taking action to move this forward. We had a date established to begin the repair, but Tropical Storm Barry delayed the start. We will post a new start date once we have it.

A discussion was had about the Association simply taking over the repairs and not spending our money on legal fees. While this would certainly expedite the current repair situation, it was pointed out that the agreement we are operating under with OCI covers a lot more than just Blvd Repairs. Any attempt to circumvent the court ordered judgements might lend challenge to the validity of the remaining agreement. We need the agreement in force until the development is sold to a new owner or built out by OCI (unlikely) and a developer agreement is no longer necessary. It is frustrating for all, but we must use the courts to keep the contracts in force.

Current road repairs inside the sub division has raised concerns as they have not been finished. Prestige Worldwide our road repair contractor could not obtain the necessary fill to properly repair the road bed prior to pouring concrete. That fill is once again available and the repairs will be completed as soon as possible.

Residents brought up the possibility of hiring police details for private patrols of the neighborhood and even jet ski patrols for the Lake during peak times on holidays. It was also suggested that we cover the front with a deputy and establish a security check point as do some other sub divisions. These suggestions have been researched by the board, but they remain cost prohibitive at this time. A suggestion was made by a resident to if possibly a fund could be established for residents to voluntarily contribute to fund security patrols or other projects. The board will take that under advisement.

A resident suggested placing additional speed bumps just before intersections with stop signs. This encourage residents to stop and those turning onto a street with a stop sign to slow down when making the turn. The board said they would take the suggestion under advisement.

A resident brought up that the stickers being used for boats and cars are not worth the expense. Members of the lake committee said they disagreed and had asked boaters on the lake to produce the sticker. When the boaters could not produce the sticker they were asked to leave or the sheriff would be called on a trespass violation.

In addition, the stickers were donated to the HOA from a member of the Lake Club, so there is no cost to the HOA.

Dimy asked that boaters follow the Lake rules as they pertain to wearing life jackets and running boats inside the buoy's. Many children and adults swim in close proximity to the docks and we want to ensure a safe area for homeowners to swim in our lake. Boaters are reminded inside the buoy's is a no wake zone.

A question was asked about the lock on the boat launch and when it would be repaired. Billy Abbott said he has ordered the replacement and it will be repaired soon.

The Lake Committee update was the last of the evening.

Jeff Burton made a motion to close the meeting. It was seconded by Billy Abbot. Meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Reminders

David Guidry has advised the Board that “NO DUMPING” is allowed in Phase 4A, Phase 5 or any other properties owned by developer OCI. Anyone caught will be prosecuted.

Reminder to residents that any furniture, appliances and other large trash items need to be coordinated with Pontchartrain Waste at 985-892-0569. They will make arrangements with you for a pick up date and when to place the items by the street, usually there is no charge for this service. Also, tree limbs, boards, etc. need to be cut into no more than four-foot lengths and tied in a bundle. The bundles should be kept to 40-50 pounds so that one person can pick them up and place into the trash truck. Thank you for your cooperation as this will keep the neighborhood looking nice.