**Town of Pomona Park – Town Council Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 15, 2022 (6:05 pm) This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public**

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Present Councilwoman CarrieAnn Evans, Councilwoman Lynda Linkswiler, Councilwoman Pat Mead, Councilman Victor Szatkowski, Councilman Bud Eckels, Councilman Dr. Warren, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Deputy Clerk Kelly Krupski

The Meeting started at 6:05 pm.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Correspondence list.

**Minutes of Council Meeting**

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the minutes of August 9,18, and September 8 along with the Budget Workshops. Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:**

Deputy Clerk Kelly reviewed the financials. No questions asked.

Beautification Report- Councilwoman Linkswiler reviewed the Beautification meeting. The Labor Day Event was reviewed. The food trucks and concession did well at $188. Working on building up the audience. New business A Halloween Dance the Monster Mash. A costume dance party is open to all ages. The committee is currently working on everybody's having a yard sale. Working on the sub-committee for the community garden. Banners for the light poles. Seasonal flags with the town logo. Also, the idea of A Christmas dinner for local families.

Tree Report

September Quarterly Report

January will be 33 years of Pomona Park being a Tree City. Traditionally it is celebrated on January 13, 2023, at 4 pm.

On Arbor Day, we will need a tree and location. A Christmas tree was planted last year. A large crate myrtle was planted in Mayors Park that was donated by Ms. Carol. With more planning to come for the Arbor Day celebration.

The next Meeting will be in December.

Guest Speakers: Rescheduled to a different time

Public Hearing Items

None

New Business

Town Clerk Andrea read the Resolution 2022-6 and Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

The Vote was Unanimous.

Fishing Pier Review-

204 Perry St. Larry Flaman

To review the subcommittee

Many of the town residents do not have access to the lake for fishing access.

Several Proposals came about from the advisory Meeting.

A new pier at the end of Middleton Rd. brought up concerns about security and parking.

A third option is to extend the existing pier an additional 50 feet. An ADA ramp would need to be installed. Bids have been solicited, and one company is the one that made the current pier.

A public meeting was held on August 11. Generally, residents have been receptive. Most residents that are against it do not live in the Town. Recommends catch and release signs. A resident was concerned with his ski course and concerned with pollution. A kayak launch would make too much activity. Larry handed out a proposed ramp drawing.

Robert Jones 125 Deshane

A kayak user, he launches from the beach because it is safe.

Mike Wallace 109 Sunny Lane Branch

This proposal needs a site map to show the relationships to this current plan.

David Henson 345 Sisco Rd

Whatever you do on this end of the lake affects the other end. Who is pushing this issue?

Mayor Joe read the code of Ordinance 58-2 Opens the road the right to put in a pier or a dock.

John Forrester 131 Park and Road

Why are we changing what we have now

Is there an existing survey that says what the Town has on the lake

Jay-Sunny Lane Branch

Concerned about the property at Middleton Rd.

We don't want a boat ramp at that road or a pier

Mayor Joe says it needs to be cleaned and opened.

A small boardwalk and cleaned.

It would need to be a fence to make it a pedestrian walkway.

Mayor Joe says it is not a ramp. It's a walkway.

The Town owns 30 feet from the pavement

Michael Lanser 291 Sisco Rd

A total of 291 ft. Is it ok to add that far out? The EPA and other organizations need to approve this. The gentleman questions the Safety of the lake. Asked the Mayor about the swimming area. And it regulates the fishing and swimming area.

Jimmy Rogers 132 Middleton Ave

Storm Water Management wants to add that

There are plenty of places to fish, and Lake Broward isn't it.

135 Parkin Jennifer James If the State owns the lake, why are the residents replacing them?

Funding to replenish the lake.

Jerry Loganthall 115 Sunny Branch

Concern that the people that used the beach would respect the property wouldn't be a problem. Selling drugs and just not right. Kayaks are boats. Thinks security should be down there.

Bill Carol 345 North Broward Ave

No issue with Kayaks, No harm with them. Fishing, pier I don't have a problem with it and would like to have it locked down. The deputy time needs to be changed. His driveway being blocked is an issue for him. Security, Drugs, Alcohol, drinking on the beach.

Mayor Joe- 8-10 years ago, it was locked up. It took a maintenance person out of the week.

He has witnessed people drinking with the deputies.

Sara Wiley 139 Parkin

Who is responsible if someone gets hurt at the pier?

Town Attorney answered that the Town would be liable.

Asked about the restrooms and destruction. Mayor Joe explained that this was the first time since 09. We were looking at Grant's for Safety.

Martha Mann 406 West Main St.

Have you considered moving the fence line

Larry Flaman- A fence could be put up if Mr. Carol moved his driveway, and then it could be locked down. Then the Town could pay them to lock it.

A person opening and closing the gates would potentially be a liability issue.

Town Attorney answered the previous insurance question.

Robert Jones 121 Desain Lane

What is the current dock being used for?

When you go out to the pier

What are the cables used for?

Tony Cueves 111 Park Ave

Lake Broward is concerned with trash

Bill Garcia- 120 Parkin Rd

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Mayor Joe asked about Bill Garcia and his tax dollars to benefit the lake.

Councilwoman Mead stated that she opposed the statement that the Town is much more than just the lake. It has parks and a ballfield.

Bill Garcia-

He thinks that kayaks should not be allowed in the beach area.

Bill Garcia- Asked about when this will be a vote

Mayor Joe explained that all that the Town asked for was information.

A hefty discussion was had about the issues around the people using the beach and dock area.

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Larry proposes that it comes through the ARPA funds.

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Martha Mann 406 West Main St

The comment that anyone that doesn't live on the lake is white trash. Is extremely offensive to everyone that lives in this Town.

Upcoming Events Reviewed.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adjourn at 8:04 pm.

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The comment that anyone that doesnt live on the lake is white trash. She takes extreme offense on this statement.

Upcoming Events Reviewed.

CA motioned to adjourn 8:04

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**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 (6:00 pm) This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public**

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Present Councilwoman CarrieAnn Evans, Councilwoman Lynda Linkswiler, Councilwoman Pat Mead, Councilman Victor Szatkowski, Councilman Bud Eckels, Councilman Dr. Warren, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Deputy Clerk Kelly Krupski (attended by phone), Bruce Wolfred Maintenance Supervisor.

Town Council Meeting July 12, 2022

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. The Meeting started at 6:03 pm.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Correspondence list.

**Minutes of Council Meeting**

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the minutes of June 14, and Special Meeting June 16, Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Unfinished Business:**

Deputy Clerk Kelly reviewed the financials. No questions asked.

Beautification, Councilwoman Linkswiler gave a review on the 4th of July event. $82 for the raffle baskets, $180 for the concession stand. $299 from Breakfast. A total of $1386 was brought in. Some items purchased will be used with future projects.

Martha Mann asked to speak on a proposed Labor Day Event. To be hosted at the Community Center from 10-5. A block party with vendors, food trucks, inside and out. They would like to set up handicap parking across the street at the small lot. The beautification committee is asking the Town to cover the cost of a deputy. Also, a till of $125 to be kept in the front office for events. A discussion was had about the expenses of the events and how much is being brought in by the committee. Signs were purchased for $450 for more events. Feedback was given on issues with parking and the gift baskets.

Councilman Eckels motioned to approve the Labor Day event and Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Councilwoman Evans made a motion to approve for a deputy for the Labor Day Event up to 5 hours to be at the Community Center. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. A discussion was had on the effectiveness of the deputies. The vote was unanimous.

A meeting will be set up between the new chair of beautification Martha Mann, the Mayor, and Town Clerk and one non-voting person of Martha's choice to review policy and procedures.

**Committee Reports**-

Parks & Recreation Mayor Joe- We are getting closer to going out to bid for the CDBG projects, it's looking like August or September. Some items need improvements at the parks such as the pickleball court and the small kid's toys. The FDRAP is used for just that upgrading the parks.

**Public Works Bruce Wolfred-** No injuries since have been hired on in 2019, saving the Town money. No major equipment has been out of commission in the last quarter. 107 bags of garbage have been removed from the roadways. The new marquee and flashing stop signs have been installed. The steps and back deck at the community center have been painted. We have added a new team member Jeff. We have started with the new software program for Public Works, its up and fully running. We have officially received approval for the shop. The Ball field has been prepped for the July 3 event. Conducted the annual audit and inventory and everything is accounted for. Two fallen oaks have been removed. 30 loads of fallen debris & tree limbs have been hauled away. Bruce spoke to the Council on the need for a new chain saw with all the tree work that is being done. He is looking at a 24inch around $500.

Mayor Joe asked about the need to rent a mulcher. Bruce will look into the cost a chipper for the next Meeting.

**Update on the Florida Clean Air Act**-The Governor has approved the Bill. An Ordinance will need to be written up to bring to the Council to approve.

**New Business**:

Town Clerk Andrea read Ordinance 2022-1 by title only. Councilman Warren motioned to adopt 2022-1. Councilwoman Linkswiler 2nd the motion. A discussion was had. This will need to go to the voters if approved by Council. A vote was had 6-1 with Councilman Eckels apposed.

**Trim** Town Clerk Andrea-reviewed the Rollback rate of 4.4418 and explained that it was due to the updated Tangible property value from the audit.

**Weed Removal at the Beach**- Town Clerk Andrea the swimming area at the beach needs to be cleared and we have had an offer of $1,400 to clean the area. Public Works Bruce explained to properly keep the area clean it will need to be chemically sprayed. Treasurer Kelly explained that we still have money in the budget for the beach. Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow spending up to $5,500 from the budget to clean the beach area. Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Town Clerk- Website** Andrea explained the need for a new updated user-friendly town page. Town Clerk explained the benefits of Civic Plus and the cost associated with a new page. Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow Civic Plus to create a new website for the Town along with the yearly cost. Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. A discussion was had. The vote was unanimous.

**Removal of Town Asset**- Removal and disposal of Fridge located at Ballfield concession stand. Councilwoman Mead motion to allow the removal and disposal of the Fridge, Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Mayor Joe Photo Contest**- approved to allow a photo contest for the Town.

**ARPA update**

Reviewed

**Public Comments**- Martha Mann asked the Council about having a dance in August. It was suggested to move it to next months agenda for approval.

**Budget Workshops** for July 28, August 4, August 18 at 6pm

Councilwoman Mead motioned to approve and Councilman Warren 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Upcoming Events**reviewed

Councilwoman Mead made a motion to adjourn. 8:30pm.