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JUNE 2014

Maintenance Committee Report

April 30, 2014

Jim Stepien, Chair

Committee Members attending - **Sallie Hawkins, Joe Lucente, Carole Myles, Jim Stepien (Chair) and Walter Perkowski (Board liaison)**

At our meeting we discussed the following new items and ongoing projects:

We are moving forward on the irrigation/electric project. Permits are being requested and actual work may begin within the next couple of weeks.

Landscape Status:

We are in the process of receiving bids for our landscape maintenance contract. We will review the bids and discuss our recommendation at our next meeting.

Pool Status:

1. The electrical outlet for the chemical pumps is being rewired.

Lakes/Pond Status:

1. The main well pump that replenishes Rivendell and Gator Lakes has been shut off until after the littoral plantings

2. Littoral planting meeting with the contractor is scheduled for early May.

Preserve/Wetlands Status:

No issues

I would encourage all homeowners to attend our monthly meetings for accurate information on any of our ongoing projects. We would also welcome new members to help with the MC's volunteers' efforts to manage the many needs of our community.

Please report any problems you notice to Lighthouse Property Management.

Next MC meeting will be June 25, 2014 at 7pm in the Cottages Clubhouse.

Highlights of May 5

Board of Directors Meeting

By Carol Heckert;

Reviewed by Bobby Merrill

Attending: Gwen Stepien, Vinny Barone, Joe Sefack, Bobby Merrill

The meeting began with a discussion about the process of setting Board meeting agendas. This topic was raised by Director Sefack, stemming from the removal of overnight truck parking as an agenda item. Director Barone had requested the topic be tabled until Director Perkowski could be present. Ms. Banks, our property manager, referred Director Sefack to an April 5 email written by President Gwen Stepien, outlining a proposed format for setting the agenda.

Manager's Report:

47 compliance letters sent, mostly for dirty roofs and mailbox lights.

Financial Report:

We are under budget by \$4,000.

ARC:

There were 10 applications; 9 approved and one pending.

Maintenance:

- A request for bids was sent out for the landscaping contract. Two of the four companies have already responded. The bids will be reviewed at the next Maintenance Committee meeting and a recommendation made to the Board at the June Board of Directors meeting.

^ The pool restrooms are scheduled to be upgraded.

^ Director Barone requested that dead palm tree fronds be trimmed. This is included in the landscaping contract.

Old Business:

Director Sefack requested that a committee be

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appointed to review the association documents for possible revision. The issue was tabled until the June meeting.

Homeowner Comments:

- B. Vahldahl: Timeframe for violation letters (Letters sent 1 month apart following inspections, with compliance due within 14 days)
- D Gill: Board members can communicate one on one between meetings
- F. Freestone: Infestation of midges on Scherer Lake (Will be discussed at MC meeting)
- R. Beatty: Aquatic plants not yet planted; over-age on maintenance item
- N. Tobias: Process for fining due to violations
- K. Alerie: Cottages process for setting meeting agendas; Old Venice Road planting needed ASAP
- P. Sarno: Policy for heating the pool during spring/summer cool spells

Meeting Date:

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on June 2 at 6 PM.

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Rivendell
RESIDENT & AGENT

Barbara Gahry: Communications Committee

By Mike Bergman



Ever wonder how things get done around Rivendell? It starts with some great volunteers who love living here in our little corner of Paradise.

Barbara Gahry moved to Rivendell about 14 years ago with her husband Dennis, and decided to get involved and

lend a hand. One of their neighbors, Tom Fulks, started a little newsletter to keep the residents informed of goings-on in the area. Barb stepped in and shared her knowledge of the local real estate market by writing a column for the newsletter.

Ed Lin, another early resident, began keeping a list of our new neighbors entering the community. As the list got longer, Barb began helping out. Finally she took over what was to become our **Rivendell Directory**. For many years she maintained that database representing our residents, and updated the printed Directory yearly.

The **Communications Committee** was later formed, and Barbara became one of its early members. It was she who negotiated with OnTrac to publish our newsletter, the **Woodlands Word**. The *WW* was originally delivered using our block captains under Cindy Schmidl. But later, Barb got

the Observer Newspaper to bundle the *Woodlands Word* into the paper and deliver it each month for a small fee.

The **Rivendell Directory** was Barb's next project. Although OnTrac did the publishing, Rivendell bore the cost of the bindings that ultimately became too expensive. So, Barbara found Sundown Publishing that agreed to print and bind our beautiful Directory at no cost to the community. Both the *Woodlands Word* and the Directory are supported solely by advertisers, a significant savings for the community.

Recently, with the *Woodlands Word* running smoothly, the Directory working well, and a new website that is able to maintain our data, Barb decided to retire from actively maintaining the Database and Directory. She's still active in the Communications Committee -- we won't let her go.

There are many volunteers who help to maintain Rivendell for the rest of us. They see a need to help out with landscaping, environmental issues, architectural conformity to community standards, pool oversight, or communications among our residents, and they jump right in. But few will match Barbara Gahry in their talents and years of service. Thanks, Barbara, for all your hard work and contributions to the Rivendell community.

**Next Rivendell Board Meeting
June 2nd, 2014
6PM at Historic
Spanish Point in Osprey
Any changes to this date will
be posted on the website
www.rivendellcommunity.com**

**Next Maintenance
Committee Meeting
The Maintenance Committee
meets the last Wednesday
of each month at 7pm in
the Cottages Clubhouse**



Rivendell Hurricane Shutter Regulations

Clear (Lexan) hurricane shutters may remain up on the front of a house or street side of a corner house throughout the hurricane season, which lasts from June 1 to November 30. Clear shutters or those painted to match the house or trim may remain up on other parts of the house that are visible from a street, alley or other home. Any other shutters that are visible from a street, alley or other home may go up within 10 days of the expected arrival of a hurricane, and must come down within 2 weeks following a hurricane.

Because the amended hurricane shutter restriction gives every homeowner the ability to protect his or her house, whether here or away, the new deed restriction will be strictly enforced

Golf Hazard By Nancy Dobias



Close...



Closer...

Larry and I went golfing on Saturday at Calusa Lakes, and on one hole his ball landed next to a pond. Now normally on golf courses you have greens “guarded” by bunkers but you’ll notice on this course, an alligator is guarding the fairway! I told Larry to pick up the ball and move it to safer ground and we’d call this “ground under repair” or something. But Larry felt this was not the rule and since the alligator was not impacting his swing path, he would play the ball as it lay. Oh well.... I was in the cart. Larry was the one who had to outrun that alligator if he decided to go for a slice out of Larry’s leg! As it was, the alligator was just interested in a golf lesson. Do you see how intently he’s studying Larry’s posture and form? I guess the alligators must get to play the course free at night and this alligator wanted to learn how to execute his shots better. It’s always nice to meet a true scholar, one who enjoys learning, one who is always open for instruction and this alligator indeed was!

When we were golfing on another hole at Calusa Lakes, we noticed this alligator who must have served as a lines judge in another life. He certainly has mastered the art of the intent stare. You would think he would get bored after awhile, but I guess he must have been trained well!



Did You Know...?

You can see these photos in color on our website.

Pine View Path By Nancy Dobias



Here's a picture I took last September after we had had some heavy rains. I had been walking on the path behind Pine View School and noticed that the land was flooded, but it looked beautiful to me. I couldn't wait to get home to get my camera so I could take some pictures. What was interesting was that when I was taking my picture, a man came along and thought I was recording how disgusting the sight was! He thought it was the ugliest swamp he had ever seen, and couldn't believe somebody wasn't doing something about it. I told him that if he stopped for a moment to look deep into the preserve at all the shades of green, the reflection

glistening off the water, that maybe he, too, might see the wonder of it all. His answer was, "Nope, I'm in a hurry. It's an ugly swamp!"

I guess my eye is drawn to the interior, to that tall grass...what might be there... or what is just beyond that tree line...or just around that bend to the right...or maybe, just maybe, what might be lurking in that water....making its move as I'm focusing my camera....? No, it'll never be an ugly swamp to me! It's a snapshot of Florida's past, the mysteries that she still holds if you only take the moment to look and marvel....

Sarasota County Fertilizer Ordinance

Sarasota County's fertilizer ordinance 2007-062, aims to cut down on the amount of pollution getting into area waterways. It prohibits applying fertilizers that contains nitrogen or phosphorus between June 1 and September 30.

The ordinance sets a fertilizer-free zone within 10 feet of any body of water and requires training for commercial applicators. There are penalties for violators.



http://www.scgov.net/environmentalservices/water/SurfaceWater/documents/1756_001.pdf

Hurricane Embedded Screws

By Rev Voth

Does your hurricane protection include those embedded screws that hold a storm curtain and/or its track in place? They are most commonly found on the deck of your lanai and/or up the concrete wall.



When was the last time you actually tried to take those screws out? Many of mine had seized up over the years (we haven't had to use them in years, knock on wood) and were VERY difficult, and a couple were impossible, to remove. When you make the decision to put up the shutters, and certain there is a storm a comin', the LAST thing you need is to be unable to remove the screws to install your protection. Instant panic!

SOLUTION: A family member who worked in a steel mill turned me on to a product called: PERMATEX ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT. It's an industrial strength lubricant that prevents things such as bolts from seizing up over time when exposed to extreme conditions. You can find it by Googling PERMATEX ANTI-SEIZE LUBRICANT. The item number 80078 and is in a gray plastic 8 oz. jar and comes with a brush attached to the lid. Just coat the threads of the screws and reinstall them. I've done all mine and am ready for the next time I need to install my storm tracks and curtains.



Did You Know...?

A booklet of vintage Bordeaux postcards is available in the Classified Ads section on our website.

Did You Know...?

Are your windows in need of a good cleaning? Check Service Providers Recommendations on our Rivendell website for help for this and many other problems.

Captain Eddie's Seafood Restaurant

By Judy Sokal

Jon and I had a craving for fish and chips some time back, so we decided to visit Captain Eddy's to see what changes had been made since its expansion. Neither of us had been there in some time -- what a pleasant surprise! The restaurant had been greatly expanded into two main indoor dining rooms with a lovely, large bar in one room, as well as a large outdoor seating area with an equally charming tiki bar. The hostess told us that it was a very lively and popular area in the evenings. The restaurant décor was definitely nautical and informal, and one room held a lovely fish tank. The original wood tables were still there, with lots of seating, and tables and booths well placed to avoid feeling crushed next to other diners. And in the original dining room there was still the fresh fish counter where you could buy fish to prepare at home.



The wait staff was young, eager, and friendly, and we found the service quite good. The prices were reasonable, and the fish and chips were excellent, not to mention the fries and hush puppies --yum! Sorry -- we didn't try anything else, but all the diners seemed very happy with their choices.

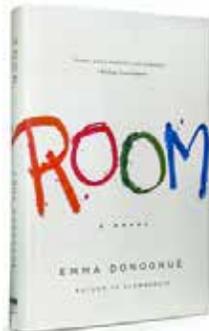
There's lots of parking in a big lot on the side and rear of the restaurant, located on the corner of Rt. 41 and Colonia Lane in Nokomis. The number is 941-484-4623.



Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, June 9, to analyze *Room*:

A Novel by Emma Donoghue. Jack is five years old and lives with Ma, imprisoned in a one-room world. Since Jack has never known any other kind of life, he is quite content, but Ma knows that she and Jack need more. They must escape, but how? Elaine Roeter will host the group at her home at 1133 Scherer Way; Elaine's phone number is 966-9816.



We will not meet during July and August. In September the selection will be *The Girls From Ames* by Jeffrey Zaslow. This narrative delineates the 40-year friendship of 11 girls who grew up together in Ames, Iowa, and saw each other through marriages, divorces, successes, failures, and tragedies.

The October discussion will center on *The Kitchen House* a novel concerning a young white girl, Lavinia, who has been indentured into a subservient life with a well-to-do Southern white family. She comes to feel more comfortable with the black servants and identifies with them, but her white skin sets her apart. The author, Kathleen Grissom, shows how Lavinia deals with two cultures and manages to win the confidence of both.

Aside from July and August, the Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please call the month's hostess if you'd like to participate.

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**Savor Sarasota
June 1-14, 2014**



The Annual "Savor Sarasota" Restaurant Week will run two full weeks, from June 1 to June 14, 2014. This dining event features multi-course menus at \$15 per person for lunch and \$29 per person for dinner. During the event, the region's eateries that are showcased have helped the area earn the distinction of having one of the highest concentrations of Zagat-rated restaurants in Florida. This website provides a list of participating restaurants and menus. Do check the website as restaurants are added to the list and also to determine if both lunch and dinner are available. <http://restaurantweek.savorsarasota.com/whats-cooking>

RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

CAT SITTER: **Kay Adams**, a longtime resident of Rivendell and a stay-at-home mom, offers cat-sitting service to Rivendell residents. Kay is very responsible and loves cats. Reasonable rate. Call **941-966-2939** or email kayadamsart@gmail.com.

BABYSITTER: 13 year-old Rivendell Pine View student has certified American Red Cross Babysitter's Training with Pediatric First Aid and CPR. I absolutely love kids! Call **Zoe Gavette** at **941-918-8200**.

BABYSITTER: **Natasha Nielsen**, Pine View School sophomore, can watch your children while you go out. I can also help with homework. I am polite and responsible and am CPR certified through the American Red Cross. Call **941-966-1419**.

GUITAR LESSONS: **Daniel Yohann**, a Pine View senior, is offering private guitar lessons. Daniel is an accomplished guitarist and experienced teacher. One-half hour or one hour lessons are available. Reasonable rates. Call **941-375-1242**.

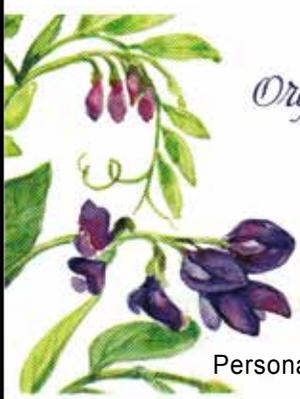
LAMPPOST REPAIR: Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$15, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-918-8386**.

MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: **Sivan Yohann**, **941- 966-7766**, a Pine View sophomore, would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

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Also, if you have items for sale or services to recommend be sure to submit those to the website.

Within the past 30 days the new Rivendell website has seen 85 unique visitors who viewed 609 pages.

We have had International visitors from Brazil, Australia, Dominican Republic and France. The United States visitors include Florida, New York, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Michigan, Connecticut, Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia!

REMEMBER: The **PASSWORD** to access all resident sections on the website is osprey typed in lowercase!

Sleep Disorder Myths

Submitted by Ed Lin, Excerpted from [www.webmd](http://www.webmd.com/sleep-disorders/sleep-facts)

<http://www.webmd.com/sleep-disorders/sleep-facts>



How much do you know about sleep disorders?

Review these statements and learn which are true and which are myths.

Health problems such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and depression have no relation to the amount and quality of a person's sleep.

False: More and more scientific studies are showing correlations between poor quality sleep and/or insufficient sleep with a variety of diseases, including high blood pressure, diabetes, and depression. For example, insufficient sleep can impair the body's ability to use insulin, which can lead to the onset of diabetes. In addition, insufficient sleep affects growth hormone secretion that is linked to obesity. As the amount of growth hormone secretion decreases the chance of weight gain increases.

The older you get, the fewer hours of sleep you need.

False: Sleep experts say that most adults need between seven and nine hours of sleep each night for optimum performance, health, and safety. Sleep patterns change as people age, but the amount of sleep they generally need doesn't necessarily change. Older people tend to get sleepy earlier in the evening than younger adults and may need slightly less sleep to perform optimally. Older people may wake more frequently throughout the night and may actually get less nighttime sleep, but their need for sleep is no less than that of younger adults.

Snoring is a common sleep problem and can be harmful.

True: Snoring can be a sign of sleep apnea, a sleep disorder that is associated with other medical problems such as heart disease and diabetes. Sleep apnea is characterized by episodes of reduced or no airflow throughout the night. People with sleep apnea may remember waking up frequently during the night gasping for breath.

You can "cheat" on the amount of sleep you get.

False: Sleep experts say that most adults need 7-9 hours of sleep each night for performance, health, and safety. Getting fewer hours of sleep will eventually need to be replenished with additional sleep in the next few nights. Our body does not seem to get used to less sleep than it needs.

Teens need more sleep than adults.

True: Teens appear to need more sleep each night, compared to an average of seven to nine hours each night for most adults. The internal biological clocks of teenagers can keep them awake later in the evening and wake them later in the morning.

Insomnia is characterized only by difficulty falling asleep.

False: There are one or more of the following four symptoms usually associated with insomnia:

- Difficulty falling asleep.
- Waking up too early and not being able to get back to sleep.
- Frequent awakenings.
- Waking up feeling unrefreshed.

Daytime sleepiness means a person is not getting enough sleep.

See also excellent slide presentation: <http://www.webmd.com/sleep-disorders/living-with-insomnia-11/slideshow-insomnia>

New HOA Fees Payment Option

Lighthouse has added an online E-Check payment option on its website <http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/> Owners can make a one-time payment or they can set up a recurring payment. They can also link accounts between Rivendell and Woodland Villas at Rivendell.

For more information please contact Anabel Martinez at anabelmartinez@mgmt.tv

FDA Reconsiders Heart Safety of NSAIDs

Submitted by Ed Lin. Excerpted from AP Health Writer, Matthew Perrone, 02/10/2014. Edited by Judy Sokal

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)



Federal health experts are taking a second look at the heart safety of pain medications used by millions of Americans to treat arthritis and other everyday aches and pains. The FDA will examine the latest research on

anti-inflammatory medicines called NSAIDs, which serve as the backbone of U.S. pain treatment. The key question is whether naproxen - the key ingredient in Bayer's Aleve and many other generic pain pills - carries a lower risk of heart attack and stroke than rival medications like ibuprofen, sold as Advil by Pfizer, and Motrin, by Johnson & Johnson, among others. Debate about whether one drug is safer than others in the class has waged for more than a decade without a clear answer, underscoring the lingering questions that hang over even the most established medicines.

Stay tuned for conclusions because a labeling change could reshape the multibillion-dollar market for drugs used to treat muscle pain, arthritis and headaches. Last year U.S. consumers bought more than 275 million boxes of over-the-counter NSAIDs, representing \$1.7 billion in sales, according to retail tracker IRI. Prescription NSAIDs brought in billions

more, led by the Pfizer blockbuster Celebrex, with sales of \$2.9 billion. But before any changes can be made, FDA advisers must consider reams of data that are often riddled with complicating factors.

This is the latest chapter in an ongoing safety review that stretches back to 2004, when Merck & Co Inc. pulled its blockbuster pain reliever Vioxx off the market due to links to heart attack and stroke. Vioxx had been heavily advertised as a new kind of NSAID that was supposed to be easier on the stomach. But its withdrawal shook the medical establishment and ushered in a new era of drug safety at the FDA.

In 2005, the agency added boxed warnings about the risk of heart attack and stroke to all prescription NSAIDs, including Celebrex and high-dose versions of ibuprofen and naproxen. Celebrex is the only drug from the same class as Vioxx that remains on the market. The agency also beefed up labeling on lower-dose, over-the-counter NSAIDs like Aleve, Motrin and Advil. Those drugs currently warn patients to take the lowest dose possible for only a few days at a time to avoid the same risks as prescription NSAIDs. But that advice is also getting a second look. A recent analysis by Danish researchers suggests heart problems can emerge with all NSAIDs after less than a week of treatment.

Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting

The ARC meets the **last Tuesday** of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the **third Tuesday** of each month.

NOTE: The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting. Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

REMINDER: If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

Dates, times, and locations of meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.

Architectural Review Committee Report 04/29/2014

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of Committee members present: Cindy Caria, Committee Chair, Members: Jim Stepien, Jessica Fenton, Bruce Lorie, and Board Liaison Joe Sefack.

The following applications were reviewed and decided upon for action.

| ITEM | ADDRESS | WORKPLAN | RESOLUTION |
|------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| 1. | 526 Meadow Sweet | White picket fence front yard | Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Jim Stepien Vote: Unanimous |
| 2. | 1125 Scherer Way | Screen lanai: extend 9 feet from back wall and 13 feet from back wall on other side. | Resolved: Approved subject to owner's signature Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Jessica Fenton Vote: Unanimous |
| 3. | 1026 Oak Preserve | Remove butterfly tree. Replant Juniper bushes around pineapple tree | Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim Stepien 2 nd : Jessica Fenton Vote: Unanimous |
| 4. | 591 Meadow Sweet Cottage Clubhouse | Plant Tabebuia Yellow Blossom Tree. | Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim Stepien 2 nd : Cindy Caria Vote: Unanimous |
| 5. | 492 Meadow Sweet | Replace dying tree in front of house with pink hibiscus tree . | Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim Stepien 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimous |
| 6. | 738 Anna Hope Ln. | Repaint house same color. | Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimous |
| 7. | 558 Meadow Sweet | Install white gutters on west side of house | Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim Stepien 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimous |
| 8. | 936 Scherer Way | Paint house same as original | Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Jim Stepien Vote: Unanimous |
| 9. | 1069 Scherer Way | Install white seamless 7" white gutters | Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim Stepien 2 nd : Jessica Fenton Vote: Unanimous |
| 10. | 854 Placid Lake Dr. | Solar pool heating panels | Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy Caria 2 nd : Bruce Lorie Vote: Unanimous |

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. Next meeting June 24, 2014

Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. As such, they are published as they were received. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The official Board Minutes can also be viewed on-line through the Rivendell website.

RIVENDELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 7, 2014

A *REGULAR MEETING* of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M., at the Historic Spanish Point at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M., by Shannon Banks of Lighthouse Property Management.

Notice of the meeting was delivered to each Director and posted on the property prior meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were present:

Vincent Barone Walter Perkowski Joe Sefack Gwen Stepien

Bobby Merrill was absent.

A quorum was declared to be present.

On matters relating to the minutes of the previous meeting a motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Sefack to approve the Regular Board of Directors meeting minutes of March 3, 2014. The motion was passed.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS,

Manager's Report, Ms. Banks provided a report (see attachment #1).

Treasurer's Report, Mr. Merrill was absent and no report was given.

Committee Reports,

ARC, Ms. Caria reported there were seven (7) applications processed at the last meeting; one (1) was put on hold and one (1) was denied. Next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2014.

Maintenance Committee, Mr. Stepien reported the following:

- Pool pump motor replacement - \$900
- Pool chemical pump replacement - \$500
- Pool electrical outlet repair - \$100
- Hole in Rivendell Blvd roadway.
- Request to rebid landscape contract.
- Meeting with Aquatic Systems - littoral replanting and other pond plantings.
- Preserves and wetlands - no issues.
- Irrigation/Electric project status.
- Landscape proposal status:
 - a. Old Venice Rd.
 - b. bridge
 - c. Placid Lake Dr. Island

Mr. Stepien requested approval for the pool pump motor replacement.
Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Ms. Stepien seconded.

MOTION 14-12: to approve up to \$900.00 for the pool pump repair.
Motion passed.

Mr. Stepien requested approval for the chemical stenner pump replacement.
Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Ms. Stepien seconded.

MOTION 14-13: to approve up to \$500.00 for the chemical stenner pump replacement. Motion passed.

Mr. Stepien requested approval for the repair to an electrical outlet in the pool pump room. Mr. Perkowski made a motion and Ms. Stepien seconded.

MOTION 14-14: to approve up to \$100.00 for the repair to an electrical outlet in the pool pump room. Motion passed.

Dave Gill provided a report on the Pine Trees diseased, there approximately eight (8). He stated that he met with an arborist and they indicated this is a very common issue where the top begins to yellow. This is normally caused from the “urbanization” of the Pine species.

Communications, Ms. Heckert reported the new website is up and running and has been successful. It was decided to close the Lighthouse hosted website. It was noted that Barb Gahry will no longer maintain the Rivendell database used for the annual Community Directory. Ms. Heckert and Mr. Mruz have requested a meeting with Lighthouse to discuss how management can get involved in this task.

Old Business,

Matters relating to the alleyway; Lighthouse consulted the accounting department in regards to the best way to coordinate and assist in the alleyway project. Lighthouse advised the Board as follows:

- We believe it would be best for the sub association, the Villas, to prepare a letter “encouraging” the homeowners to participate in this project.
- The letter would instruct them to sign the contract provided by the vendor and to return it with a check payable to the vendor if they wish to participate.
- It would be in the best interest of both the Master and Villas association not to get involved in the collection of the residents money. And we would not want to insinuate that it is required in any way.
- If the vendor is willing to prepare 56 individual contracts (46 villas; 9 private & 1 master assoc.) and collect the money; all while understanding it may be returned if all the owners do not all participate, then we can draft a letter of encouragement and direction.

The Board scheduled their next meeting for May 5, 2014 at 6:00 pm. They also discussed setting a yearly schedule to reflect meetings on the first Monday of each month, excluding July and August and any Holidays that fall on those days.

Owner Comments,

Several owners brought up the discussion of kayakers in the lakes and wanted to know what the documents allowed. It was concluded that it is not a violation for any resident to use the lakes as this is a common element for their enjoyment. It was requested that the Board include a notice in an upcoming Woodland Word asking that the kayaking resident be courteous to the homeowner on these lakes.

Mr. Alarie from the Cottages asked if Lighthouse was conducting compliance drives through the Cottages section. We advised him that management and one (1) Board member does in fact conduct monthly inspections. He requested that he ride along on these rides and it was decided this would not be necessary. Management instructed him that we would make him aware of the estimated date we would be conducting those inspections and if he would like to provide a list of noted violations we would be happy to include those.

With no further business before the Board, a motion made by Mr. Sefack and seconded by Ms. Stepien, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Shannon Banks, CAM
Lighthouse Property Management
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Manager's Report

On Site/Maintenance-

Compliance drives through community (4.7.14)
Requested street light repairs as needed
Scheduled DS Franks SWFWMD inspection for all permits (scheduled 4/15/14)
Contacted county is regards to several lifted sidewalks and pot holes

Administrative-

Forwarded financials to Board for review.
Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
Forwarded draft minutes for review.
Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
Approved minutes posted to website.
Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbitt for publishing in the newsletter.
Posted newsletter to website.
Send out email blast in regards to BOD meeting.

Correspondence-

Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
Email Correspondences.

Compliance-

Compliance letters mailed to homeowners since last meeting.
Letters mailed: 5 (No Compliance Inspection done in March)

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