

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES
Lee County Sheriff Community Meeting Room, Lehigh Acres FL

Minutes from January 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Anglickis at 6:12 p.m.

Invocation: DeWitt Green

Pledge of Allegiance: Bill Martin

ATTENDANCE: Rick Anglickis, Will Bronson, Joan Cunningham, Charles Edwards, Rebecca Flora, DeWitt Green, George Kloers, Bill Martin, Bob Saul, Linda Saul, Diane Turrill, Tyler Woodby, Mohamed Yasin, Diane Zigrossi

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Orville Hall, Theresa Park

A QUORUM was established with 14 members present

AGENDA: Diane Zigrossi made a motion to accept the agenda as written, Tyler Woodby Seconded the motion which passed unanimously. There were no public comments on the Agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING: Proof of the publication of advance notice appearing in the local newspaper (*The Lehigh Acres Citizen*, January 10, 2018) was provided. Attached to these minutes is a copy of the signed attendance list of those hearing the presentation.

ECO-SITE, INC. is the company hired to coordinate the building of a 135-foot stealth unipole tower for T-Mobile. The stealth unipole tower will be used to conceal many antennas. It was reported that 60% of people have eliminated landlines and rely strictly on wireless communications. The location is 2719 4th Street W, which is located behind Wal-Mart. Much of that particular area has a lot of wetlands and the land can not ever be used for a free-standing building. Therefore, the tower will be buffered in perpetuity. The tower and pad will utilize 2,500 sq ft of the property, however, Eco-Site, Inc. has leased the entire commercial lot for a term of 30-years. Lee County has required a side walk be built and landscaping to meet County specifications. An 8-foot fence will be built around the site and a utility easement in the center of the property must be vacated. However, utility easements shall be retained surrounding the property. Eco-Site is currently working with the FAA for approval which will take approximately 90 days. Estimated completion of the project is two years, contingent upon gaining all wetland mitigation, the vacating utility easements, and meeting all county code vegetative and screening requirements as described during the presentation. Chuck Edwards made a motion to recommend approval of the project subject to all of the above conditions being met by the applicant without any changes or modifications. Bill Martin seconded the motion and passed unanimously. Attached and made a part of these minutes are the page site location and views showing before and after installment of the tower.

SECRETARIES REPORT FOR December 18, 2017 AND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 1, 2018 WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: No update on the Able Canal Project.

Joan Cunningham announced the next town hall meeting will be February 13, the topic will either be the Boundary Study headed by Damon Shelor or City Services headed by Diane Zigrossi. Joan will firm up the location for the town hall next week and will advise everyone of same. The Bowling Tournament has been pushed back a couple of weeks, a new date has not been determined.

Rick Anglickis wrote a letter, at the request of Joan Cunningham, to the three legislative representatives that signed the LAMSID resolution. He reported the resolution that was written by Mike Welch means LAMSID has suggested LAMSID be the vehicle used to incorporate Lehigh Acres, however, it must be put on the ballot for the residents of Lehigh Acres, however, circumventing state law. Anything LAMSID does must be put on the ballot for the residents of Lehigh Acres to vote on.

GUEST SPEAKER: Holly Boldrin and Greg Stuart gave a presentation detailing the ramifications of the Limestone Mining Operation proposed by Troyer Bros. Property using 1,790 acres for a limestone mine. Once the Proposed Troyer Bros. Mine is opened there will be eleven such mines in the same vicinity all using State Road 82 for heavy truck loads of dirt. The passage of the Land Use rezoning is not supported by growth management public policy as it will destroy the natural resources and is not compatible with some of the land uses of nearby land. The traffic, noise, blasting and dust will impact the surrounding area 7 days a week, 16 hours a day for 35 years.

It was suggested that one important reason not to rezone the property is the fact that the mine is not needed. Green Meadows Florida Rock Mine consists of 2,471-acres, it has never been used and never opened because the local and regional needs of limestone are not needed until 2038.

Another important reason not to rezone the property is the mines must use State Road 82, I-75 and Daniels Road. In Lehigh Acres Homestead Road and Sunshine will be affected. All highways with existing traffic congestion problems.

It was further suggested the Troyer Bros Mine will only employ approximately 40 people, a small employer to utilize land to build a mine that is not economically an asset and does so much harm. The threat to the environment, wildlife, health and wellbeing will affect several matters of concern; including the panther habitat, water and air quality, vehicle crashes, noise pollution, rock and silica dust.

NoMineOn82.com is the web site to visit for updates, there will be a hearing regarding the proposed mine, the date and time will be announced on the web site. Much discussion took

place regarding the council taking action on this item. It was moved by Mohamed to send a resolution to the County Commissioners opposing the mine request. Diane Zigrossi seconded the motion and it passed 13-1. Gregg Steward offered to assist in drafting the resolution. Chuck Edwards will be contacting Troyer Brother to see if they are available to present their side of the issue before the next meeting and the approval of the resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections were held with the following results:

President – Rick Anglickis

1st Vice President – Joan Cunningham

2nd Vice President – Mohamed Yasin

Treasurer – Charles Edwards

Corresponding Secretary – Diane Zigrossi

Recording Secretary – Diane Turrill

Auditing Committee: Tyler Woodby, Bob Saul, Charles Edwards and DeWitt Green

A motion was made by Diane Zigrossi and seconded by Bill Martin that signatures on the checking account will be changed with 2 of the following three (3) people required: Rick Anglickis, Diane Turrill and Charles Edwards. Motion passed unanimously.

President Rick will ask Frank Mann to come to the Community Council meeting on February 19th. Rick will ask Mr. Mann to arrive about 7:00 for the installation of new officers and council members.

Mohamed Yasin suggested inviting a member of the school board to speak on why they need the sales tax increased to \$.07.

Rebecca Flora from Parks and Recreation announced Little League is beginning and Soccer is ending in February and will begin again in June. She also announced garage sales are being planned at Veterans Park and Trail Head Park. Ms. Flora is in charge of the garage sales. The Spring Festival parade will be at the beginning of the festival this year. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane

Diane Turrill
Recording Secretary

