

# Minutes for Pembroke Meadows Civic League Meeting

October 19, 2017

Kate Nixon called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Gerry Richter asked for crossing guards for the Halloween Walk on Oct. 28, she received several volunteers. Other plans for the walk are all set. Gerry also asked for volunteers for the pet lost and found. She needs a home with either a fenced yard or garage where larger animals can be kept for a day while either awaiting owners or animal control.

The Ladies Lunch group will meet at Waterman's on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Kate will follow up with the city about a downed tree at the park.

Treasurer's report:

As of 9/30/17: Business money market	\$34,606.88
Checking	\$6,657.87
Total	\$41,264.75

The November meeting will be the annual Wine and Cheese Social at Ferry Plantation House.

Charlie Russ gave a report on the status of Lake Meadows and the dam. The dam has had a small leak for several years and the drain continually clogs. Charlie reported this to the city, which owns the dam and should be doing maintenance, and the city conducted an engineering survey of the lake with depths and looked at the leak. Because of the size and depth of the lake, it meets the threshold for state regulation. Charlie is hoping this means the city will do something about the dam before it fails. He has not heard yet from the city about what they plan to do, but he will continue to monitor the situation and report back to the civic league.

Officer Hamilton of the VBPD attended the meeting and asked if there were any concerns. Jason Slaughter brought up a series of car break-ins on Temple Ct. He has been in contact with the police who retrieved fingerprints and also have a license plate, Officer Hamilton indicated he will follow up. Danny Murphy also brought up his concern about when he called for a potential home break in, he was surprised that the dispatcher wanted his name and info. He thought they should be dispatching first. Officer Hamilton explained that they need the contact info, they often call while on their way for a status report and follow-up questions and that the dispatcher can send a unit while they are talking. Officer Hamilton also explained that they are very short staffed, but they can still do planned patrols of specific areas. He will pass the concerns on to his superiors.

Kate Nixon gave a report on the pump station being replaced on Bishop Dr., it will take about 18 months. Plans are also being developed by the city to replace all the water and sewer pipes in the neighborhood, but this will be 3-5 years in the planning and execution. She also asked that if you see a problem with a storm drain, the best and fastest way to report it is to go to the city website to the "See, Click, Fix" section.

Jeanette Willenbrink reported that the pine roping usually used for the holiday decorating of the gazebo is not available, but that she ordered cedar roping that will cost about \$20 more. Someone also asked about the trees chopped down near the entrance and was told these had been diseased. Jeanette indicated the city has a plan for tree replacement throughout the city. Some of ours on the median are at or near the end of their lifespan and will eventually need to be replaced. She also reported that the entrance wall on the open field side of Pembroke Blvd. looks like it may need some masonry work. While we do not own it, the civic league will get an estimate from a mason and then try and contact the owners. We will go from there.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by

Carol Moore