

MAPLE LEAF HOMEOWNERS' MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY – DECEMBER 4, 2017

Presiding: V.P. Donna Sheppard with President Rick Hull.

Meeting called to Order @ 9:30 a.m.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE-Remember friends and loved ones no longer with us. Let's not forget the men and women who are serving in the world's troubled spots to protect our freedom.
2. Please silence your cell phones.
3. WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bev (& Frank) Campbell #274, Frank (& Cecile) Messina #715, Sue (& Mike) Hack #1098.
4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Minutes of November 13, 2017 were accepted as distributed.
5. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Rick Hull: commented on success of recent events-Arts & Crafts bazaar, tree lighting and performance by MLE keyboard & singers; thanked golf members who have signed up for their support-currently 303; noted recent petition circulating among homeowners regarding the golf course-the information, based on a sales document prior to incorporation, is misleading and invalid; currently launching an operations audit to define standards for golf course; Information Session scheduled for tomorrow will present proposals for motorcycles in the Park, Broadstar fiber optic service, and golf course rejuvenation; at next Wednesday's Board meeting will present Operating and Capital Budgets for 2018; CanAm P.O. changes have addressed safety issues, designated parking and revised traffic flow-don't park in front of doors; speeding-asked for residents to adhere to and cooperate with 15 mph speed limit.
6. GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE by John Bradley: thanked everyone for holiday décor; hurricane season officially over but CanAm and Queensway Center will always remain open during severe weather; expect to have to purchase water to keep lakes filled for irrigation during rejuvenation; tax bill 4% payment discounts extended to Dec. 22; holiday shopping available in Pro Shop; Fitness Club membership \$40; Xmas dinner \$25 inclusive; resident directory available soon-will post on Ch195 when in; draft 2018 budgets available in office on Monday; home sales year to date -76 closed, 2 pending; Sandbar and office will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day; *Accents*- please sign up to receive electronically and reduce printing expense; map sprinkler heads; proper disposal of medical needles and waste; Toys for Tots boxes in Sandbar and office; flags will be at half-staff for Pearl Harbor Day, 12/7; cooperate with new CanAm P.O. traffic flow; Woodworkers has alarm installed, if you hear call 911; speeding-all MLE vehicles have governors, staff has been reminded when using personal vehicles; thank you to volunteers and happy holidays to all.
7. GROUNDS AND GOLF COURSE UPDATE by Nancy Miller: please map sprinkler heads to reduce repeat requests; rejuvenation project- will be spraying fairways with Round Up in February and March prior to renovation, spraying times will be posted (Feb. 20, 3 to 6 p.m. and Mar. 6 & 22, 3 to 6 p.m.) weather dependent, safe, dry within one hour, if sensitive plan to be away from home briefly during those times, official start date is April 2, 2018, staging area in boat storage lot and Country Club parking lot for heavy equipment, working hours Mon thru Sat 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., only on Sundays if weather delays, expect dust and noise, **no trespassing on golf course during construction**, will post updates and pictures, timeline available after January construction meeting, overview of scope of work –includes stripping, refilling and replanting greens to USGA specs,

stripping, grading and replanting collars, lowering and enlarging tee boxes, raising gold tees, regrading bunkers, smoothing, regrading and replanting, improving drainage on golf course and between course and homes, repairing cart paths; strangler fig on hole #4 poses problems with roots and shade- will address during rejuvenation; residential irrigation running from main pump station, addressing any current pressure issues, adding another main line during rejuvenation, upgrading 40-year-old system.

8. WOODWORKERS CLUB by Dick Lemay (#295): expressed sympathy for loss of Jack Young (#361), long-time president and director. Woodworkers recently purchased an upgraded table saw with safety saw stop for \$3,100, and is donating the old saw valued at \$1,500 to the MLE Maintenance Department.
9. REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS: 1) **Mike Smith**: gave a website presentation highlighting access to CH195, videos of special events, directory profiles, Wednesday Night movies and Celebrity Series; **Natural Resource Committee** is seeking new members or subject matter experts resources in the areas of wildlife, energy conservation, waste management, irrigation, plants or communication; **Real Estate** – new signs, increased visibility, Vicky Teel reported there are current buyers waiting for listings. 2) **Gary Kobel: Retail Committee**- reported on challenges to attract and retain part-time staff; requested feedback on proposed increase in gratuity rates, outstanding new chef, great Thanksgiving dinner, upcoming Christmas dinner and Black Velvet on Dec. 23; **Communication Club**- requests two weeks notice for events, forms in office and CanAm; **Fitness Club**- free pass available to try it out. 6) **Golf- Jeff Stapledon** provided intro to Information Session and encouraged attendance, requested input, quell rumors, assist in future development.
10. INTERNET / TV: Tyler Bell of Broadstar Communication presented information on “fiber to the home,” bulk pricing and group purchasing power. Residents will have opportunity to discuss pros/cons.
11. CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1.) **Carol Hebert (#402)-Arts & Crafts**, along with Computer Club and Pickleball Club, purchased defibrillator for Rampart Area; Holiday Bazaar generated \$300 donation for Toys for Tots; Jan. 6 mini-registration for classes and 1-day workshops, Jan. 14 Craft Stash Sale. 2.) **Heather Comba (#554)- Lawn Bowling Club** donated \$2143.50 to Salvation Army, invited all to try lawn bowling, free lessons. 3.) **Eileen Lewis (#496) - Photo Club** announces new presidents Dennis & Betsy Ausel; Bernie Heinz presents this Friday. 4.) **Norm Harrison (#1047) - Garden Club** meets Dec. 9, Univ. of Florida master gardener presents; no judging for holiday decorations this year.
12. RESIDENT INPUT: 1.) **Jim Wessinger (#927)** expressed concerns about golf course finances, and encourages support for petition for Bylaw revision to make golf course self-sustaining. 2.) **Bill Ostapchuk (#680)** also expressed concerns about golf course finances, provided historical info, and supports petition to request special meeting. 3.) Director **Jeff Stapledon** responded to previous statements, pointing out accounting changes in depreciation and inaccuracies presented in petition. 4.) **Karen Hamilton (#367)** noted value of all amenities, golf course increases home values, all residents benefit. 5.) **Bernie Derencin (#467)** encouraged Board to get community input on future decisions. 6.) **John Skeoch (#414)** notes petition is to request a special meeting to discuss golf course, then decide whether to present on ballot. 7.) **Marilyn Moran (#227)** shared that she bought because of gated community, not golf course, but appreciates all amenities. 8.) **Carol Hebert (#402)** suggested everyone look for solutions to increase golf revenue.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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