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GRAND HAVEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NEWS



To: All Grand Haven Residents

From: Kevin Foley, GHCDD Board Chairman

Re: Highlights from the GHCDD Regular Meeting, December 7, 2023

Highlights from the 12/07/2023 CDD Regular Meeting

Just after the Pledge of Allegiance, John Polizzi, our vice chair, gave recognition to all veterans on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor (December 7, 1941) when over 3500 Americans were either killed or wounded.

Based on a conversation with the CDD Horticulturalist (Louise) and unanimous agreement with the Board, she will be doing a written report on oak tree management. That report will contain three things:

1. A description of current conditions on all CDD property being affected by the tree roots.
2. A description of how our roads and sidewalks may be further damaged by tree roots over the next several years.
3. A list of alternative tree management strategies that the Board will consider in addition to annual budgets and our long-term plan.

Just FYI, Louise is a UF-trained horticulturalist and arborist with extensive knowledge of our situation based on years of experience working here. Her report will be a key ingredient to a tree management policy that the Board will ultimately write. Louise's work will be in lieu of a report by the University of Florida.

During Audience Comments, we heard from a number of residents. Following is a summary of a few.

One resident expressed a strong desire for lights to be added to the croquet courts at Creekside so that the courts could be used at night. He also informed us that the croquet club received notice from the US Croquet Association that it is tentatively approved for up to a \$1000 grant to be used for the promotion of the sport. The club intends to use the money to teach the game to younger residents.

A resident requested to build two new pickleball courts. She indicated that the sport is growing quickly and over 180 residents now play here.

Just a quick note that the Board will be discussing the possibilities of amenity expansion at an upcoming workshop.

A resident of Wild Oaks expressed frustration with drivers exceeding the speed limit. Many of us have witnessed this kind of driving behavior so it is surely an issue even though a study by the sheriff's department a few years ago did not agree. We have done some things to slow vehicles down including the 4-way stop signs at the Village Center and Creekside. I am not sure if there is a great solution to this, but I will ask the Board if it wants to take up the subject again. In the meantime, please keep in mind that the maximum speed in Grand Haven is 30 mph.

A resident asked me to make a note that the rule about guests taking tennis lessons will now allow guests to take lessons if accompanied by the resident being visited. I left this out of the last meeting highlights. While this rule change sounds simple, I anticipate questions that may result in refinement of the rule.

The Board would like to have an automatic door installed on one of the café doors ASAP. However, we were informed that the renovation would require the equipment to be taken out and reinstalled thereby almost doubling the cost. So, we opted to have it installed as part of the renovation later in 2024.

Just about the rest of the meeting was taken up by conversations about the wild hog situation. All campuses have been attacked by the animals as they go about digging up yards at night looking for grubs and the like. Most recently, several residents in Osprey Lakes have been targeted and some of them attended the meeting to let us know about it. Understandably, affected residents are upset about the damage, but the CDD may only take steps to protect common area property. To that end, we continue to work with the county natural resources folks to get county-approved hunters near our borders to shoot the animals on county property.

At the meeting, we approved an agreement that, if signed, will bring a trapper inside the gates. This person will trap hogs on CDD property and transport them out alive rather than shooting them.

Supervisor Crouch is working on getting us on the agenda of a county commission meeting. The issue is that all the development along the south end of Colbert Lane and on Roberts Road is pushing the hogs out of their natural habitat and into ours, among others. Those new developments will bring over 2500 new residences to that area.

Supervisor Crouch also volunteered to draft a letter that would go to the commission asking them to pursue possible state grants to help pay

for protective steps against the hogs. As Dr. Merrill advised, the ultimate protection is a fence. That would probably take quite some time to do given the approvals needed along with survey and engineering work. We asked management to look into the cost in a very rough way.

Thanks for reading, and feel free to comment by email to office@ghcdd.com.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors



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