Waterville Estates Village District

Planning Board Meeting July 14, 2022

The Planning Board meeting was called to order at 16:01 hours at the Community Center and via Zoom conference call. Present were Mark Canfield, Michael Palm, Ned McElroy, and Gerry Panuczak. Carol Ogilvie joined via Zoom.

Mr. McElroy motioned to approve the minutes of 6/30/2022 as presented via email to the Board. Mr. Canfield seconded the motion. Mr. Canfield, Mr. McElroy, Mr. Palm voted affirmative. Mr. Panuczak abstained.

Ms. Ogilvie summarized the survey response. Approximately 500 surveys were sent out, and there were 288 responses. There were also many responses that included written comments. Ms. Ogilvie stated that she will summarize and categorize the comments, but it will take time given the volume. The next step is the public information session summarizing findings thus far. Mr. Canfield will share the raw survey results to the entire Board.

Mr. McElroy shared some common threads that he observed. The community is happy with its current configuration and covenants, however, the covenants should be better enforced by WEA. Without enforcement, the community could risk losing the benefits the covenants provide.

Mr. Canfield assigned Board members to look deeply into section responses as follows:

1) Mr. Canfield - Facilities
2) Mr. McElroy - Utilities
3) Mr. Panuczak – Land Use
4) Mr. Timms - Recreation
5) Mr. Palm - Roads
6) Ms. Ogilvie - Demographics

If each assignment owner summarizes their section findings, the Board can use the summaries to create the Vision statement.

Mr. Panuczak shared that there has been much noise on the WEA Facebook page regarding the Planning Board and survey, including inappropriate comments by WEA Board members. Mr. Canfield reiterated that he discussed our work with the WEA President prior to the survey release, and explained how the survey would cross boundaries, and the Board would clearly differentiate between Village District responsibilities and WEA responsibilities. Mr. McElroy stated that certain responses highlighted the community misunderstanding of each governing body responsibility, and the upcoming work would help to clarify.

The next meeting was scheduled for July 28, 2022 at 16:00 hours. The meeting was adjourned at 16:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

Gerry Panuczak