

MINUTES OF MEETING
DOUBLE BRANCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Double Branch Community Development District was held Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Plantation Oaks Amenity Center, 845 Oakleaf Plantation Parkway, Orange Park, Florida 32065.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Cindy Nelsen	Chairperson
Chad Davis	Vice Chairman
Scott Thomas	Supervisor (by phone)
Tom Horton	Supervisor
Andre Lanier	Supervisor

Also present were:

Jim Perry	District Manager
Jason Walters	District Counsel (by phone)
Jay Soriano	Operations Manager - GMS
Chalon Suchsland	VerdeGo
Shane Blair	VerdeGo

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Roll Call

Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Audience Comments

There were no audience members in attendance.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the July 13, 2020 Meeting**
- B. Financial Statements**
- C. Assessment Receipt Schedule**
- D. Check Register**

Mr. Perry stated the District is 100% collected on the assessment receipts schedule.

Your check register totals \$208,122.

Mr. Horton stated on page three of the financial statements, about halfway down under maintenance, common area the repairs and replacement line jumped up \$37,419 over budget.

Mr. Soriano stated I've mentioned before we can change things like that. We spent \$14,000 on treadmills and I just put that to repairs and replacements, but it actually should go to capital. All of the extra big purchases we've done this year I coded all to that line. I've actually added it up and I believe it's about \$50,000 that will end up going to capital instead of that repair and replacement line. Usually I wait until the end of the year and then we adjust the line items.

On MOTION by Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Horton with all in favor the Consent Agenda was approved.

Mr. Davis stated just to be clear, that maintenance common area is landscape maintenance as well as gym equipment, etc.?

Mr. Soriano stated he said maintenance common area, but it's actually repairs and replacements that is a separate line under maintenance common area. I use the repair and replacement line for pretty much everything.

Mr. Davis stated that's what I'm getting at. It's a blanket line.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing for the Purpose of Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

On MOTION by Ms. Nelsen seconded by Mr. David with all in favor the public hearing was opened.

Mr. Perry stated if you'll recall, a couple of months ago you approved a budget, so this is the second part of that process. There is no change in the assessments, and you'll see that on page one. That is also the administrative section and those charges stay basically flat every year unless there are changes in the fees. The run rates that we're anticipating this year are a little less than what we saw last year. I think the largest component of that was attorney fees, so Jason hasn't been very busy with this district this year. After that is your narrative, which gives a brief description of those line items. Then we go into the recreation fund. Again, you'll see that there is no increase in the assessments. We've made a few adjustments under the carry forward surplus. It goes down this year. Those are reserves that we have available for offsetting assessments so that number is going down this year, and in fact, for the year projected, we're

not going to use anything. For the administrative side of the recreation fund you'll see insurance has gone up a little bit based off the latest estimate we have from the carrier. When you go down to maintenance there is about a \$33,000 increase. There is a slight increase in landscape maintenance, plus an increase in the repairs and maintenance line item. For the facility made some adjustments to the utilities based on actual run rates this year and that was an adjustment downward. You'll see an increase in the janitorial for additional cleaning supplies. The total expenditures stay pretty flat. In addition to that, you have the description of the line items again, then we have our debt service fund for the Series 2013 bonds, the amortization schedule, and then the capital reserve fund. This is the fund that Jay was just talking about. Some of those items that were repairs and maintenance will move over to this fund in regard to expenditures for the year. Lastly, you have your allocation of operating reserves showing total estimated reserves at the end of the year, and you also have a separate handout for page 20 to which some minor adjustments were made so that it ties out that assessments were exactly flat. The one included in your agenda package had a few cents difference, so we just cleaned it up. The one thing to note for this fiscal year is if you look at the fixed asset study that we did a few years ago, to be fully funded at the end of the year it says we need \$1,525,000. Right now, we're anticipating our balance is going to be about \$1,280,000. However, in the general fund we have \$90,000 of unreserved, which is extra, and then we have \$425,000 in the recreation fund so we talked about this before after the end of the year we are going to transfer about \$300,000 from those two accounts into capital reserves and we will be fully funded and you'll still have extra dollars available in case there is an emergency of some sort. Your sister district is pretty much in the same boat you are. They've lucked out and haven't had to increase assessments and their reserves are fully funded too.

Mr. Horton asked are we covered for hurricanes and things like that?

Mr. Perry stated I don't think you can ever be covered. Insurance will cover some of it. The wild cards on all of these districts that have extensive landscaping is you can't insure landscaping.

On MOTION by Mr. Horton seconded by Ms. Nelsen with all in favor the public hearing was closed.

A. Consideration of Resolution 2020-05, Relating to Annual Appropriations and Adopting a Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

Mr. Perry stated on page two we will be inserting those numbers from what we just discussed. Jason, that resolution refers to our whole series of bonds to 2006A. We're going to change that to the 2013 bonds.

Mr. Walters stated we can hand strike that and write that in.

On MOTION by Mr. Davis seconded by Mr. Horton with all in favor Resolution 2020-05 relating to annual appropriations and adopting a budget for Fiscal Year 2021 was approved.

B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-06, Imposing Special Assessments and Certifying an Assessment Roll

Mr. Perry stated this is a standard form resolution. We will attach the roll and submit it to the property tax collector. I don't have the roll here because we don't know exactly if you're going to adopt the budget or not. We will provide that roll and it has to be done by September 15th so it's ready to go.

Mr. Horton asked you're talking about exhibit B? What is that?

Mr. Perry stated yes. It's the assessment roll and it lists every property within the District boundaries that we are assessing operations and maintenance and debt service costs so that will total the \$3 million for assessments and we transmit that to the Clay County Property Tax Collector and on a certain line item on your tax bill it shows Double Branch CDD 'X' amount of assessments.

Mr. Horton asked we have to submit that to the County? You'd think they would know who to tax.

Mr. Perry stated we have to certify that roll ourselves. This isn't a tax, it's an assessment.

On MOTION by Mr. Davis seconded by Ms. Nelsen with all in favor Resolution 2020-06 imposing special assessments and certifying an assessment roll was approved.

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Staff Reports

A. District Counsel

Mr. Walters stated as usual we're monitoring the state and local directives related to any of our operations and will continue to keep everyone in the loop.

B. District Engineer

There being nothing to report, the next item followed.

C. District Manager – Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2021 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Perry stated included in your agenda package is the proposed meeting schedule for next year. This is consistent with what we've done in previous years. You have two nighttime meetings, one in February to consider any changes to the rules of the District, and then our August 9th meeting will be for adoption of the budget.

Mr. Davis stated we do these night meetings in an effort for people that say they can't make it at 4:00, but they don't come anyway.

Mr. Lanier asked is there any legality to keeping them?

Mr. Perry stated not there's not.

Mr. Horton stated I think the only thing we can say about holding two meetings at 6:00 is it does give more people an opportunity to be here, but it doesn't mean they're going to be here but when they say you never hold a meeting where we can come, we can say we hold two of them at 6:00, where were you.

Mr. Davis stated we can say we've held two of them at 6:00 for 14 years and no one ever came.

Mr. Lanier stated we've had more people at the 4:00 meetings than the 6:00.

Mr. Davis stated I just wanted to throw that out there and see what everybody else's take was.

Mr. Horton stated it doesn't matter to me, but like I said, it makes a good opportunity to say we held one at 6:00.

Mr. Thomas stated it's not that big of a deal to meet two times a year at 6:00.

Ms. Nelsen stated keep it in mind for next year. I think I thought we had to.

Mr. Perry stated no several years ago this board and your sister board had some people that were complaining about the time so that was the concept to have two meetings a year, especially the one on rules because that does directly impact people. Having an increase in assessments we will do mailed notices and you'll probably get a number of people in the evening so that was the thought process, but you're under no obligation to do that at all.

Mr. Horton asked do we keep a record of who shows up?

Mr. Perry stated we do. We have that sign in sheet.

Mr. Horton asked what happens to it?

Mr. Perry stated it is part of our meetings notes. We generate internal meeting notes for Jay, the Recording Secretary and so forth. When these districts were first formed 14 or 15 years ago, we met offsite in Orange Park and we had 30, 40 to 60 people show up and now that we're right here over the last several years, which means things must be going pretty well, we've had very few.

On MOTION by Ms. Nelsen seconded by Mr. Horton with all in favor the Fiscal Year 2021 meeting schedule was approved as presented.

D. Operations Manager - Memorandum

Mr. Soriano stated I was planning on holding our operation hours steady until school starts. Normally this time of year we would cut back and go to alternating days because the kids aren't here and there's less people around. However, school has been pushed back to the 25th, so we still have a couple more weeks. Even then, we may see there is a few families out there that aren't going to brick and mortar, they're online, which means if they are using the version that allows them to log in at any time, they may be down here during the day so I would like to hold off. That last week we can gauge how many people are coming to the facilities and then we can cut that to lifeguards. We have had lifeguards for quite a while. We have had pool monitors before, so we were open, but we did save money this year because of the limited operation that we had so extending to September is not going to be a problem. I think it would be good to offer to those families that are utilizing the place that will be here until September and then we will play it by ear so at the next meeting I will be able to report to you what I think and we can close down whether it's every other day or however for the rest of

that month. Usually by the second week of October it's getting cool. I think this year it may be warmer longer, but by then if it's getting cool and there's so many other things going on. Sports are limited a little bit this year too, but they are out there so there are other things going on so this will eventually drop off so by October we will still plan on cutting down and then it will be a play by ear situation if we're able to offer the swim at your own risk programs. We've stayed away from at your own risk period so we can ensure cleanliness and safety, but by October that may be a little different. As I mentioned last month, everybody seems to appreciate what we've done.

Mr. Davis stated yes, I think it's very fair and considerate.

Mr. Soriano stated for our district events, I did mention last month I'm looking at doing our first event in October, it will be a movie on the green. A lot of times I would spend some money towards games the kids can play, but it is just going to be the movie this time. I will work with food trucks so they can have a couple choices, but they can spread out. The screen is rather large so they can spread out. By November I am planning on keeping the Thanksgiving Fun Run. That is one everybody can keep their distance. I did talk to our vendor fair lady. She was understanding. She's not going to do anything at your district this year. She is still planning the November one here the Saturday following Black Friday and we let her know she has to be careful in her planning because we may have to pull it out from underneath her the day before if we have to. She understands and she was happy to be able to get that. Unfortunately, we won't have a Santa Claus event, but hopefully by January we can get back to scheduling district events on a monthly basis.

Mr. Soriano continued we do have swim teams practicing here at your sister district. I did allow Ridgeview to come in and do a couple of practices last week in your pool. Ridgeview got booted. They normally swim at the YMCA. We do have a lot of families in Oakleaf whose kids go to Ridgeview, so they came to me needing help for space for their swim team. I put them with our swim team, and they worked out split practice times over here. Last week they were allowed to start one week before school was originally slated to open to start that practice time. They both wanted to do the morning and they couldn't really do that, so I had Ridgeview practice over there and Oakleaf practice here. Now this week both of them are sharing that pool back there, so it won't really affect your facility, but we are allowing both high schools to be there this year. We do have that in other aspects too. If you notice, we house the Oakleaf tennis

teams here, but we also allow Bishop Snyder to use our facility as overflow. We have usage agreements for all of the teams. Mostly we get volunteer hours out of these kids. We don't charge the high schools. It may be something we look at doing in the future.

Mr. Soriano continued as far as rentals, we talked about this last month and it was really the thought of whether we want to continue to hold on and not really rent out the facilities. It isn't needed, but I think we can get back to utilizing the facilities at a limited capacity. We would just have a written addendum to the contract that they're limited to 50% inside the rooms for the party. I am not looking to give a discount for that smaller room. We did talk about it for this room for your sister district because this room has a large capacity and being cut down to 50% I'm sure they would look at it and want to pay less, but your room is small and most events that go on over there are not big events. They would also be signing something saying they agree and understand that in the case of a positive case at the facility, which means we have to shut down and clean, timing wise it could happen that it's the day of their party and that facility has to be closed down. They would of course get a refund; however, they're going to be angry. There's really not much we can do. We are required to shut the facility down to clean. The indoor facilities are a little different. Outside, it's easy. You don't have to shut anything down. I have to remove staff or remove residents that we know are positive and they have to stay away, but inside it's different. We are still expected to clean and shut down. With those things that might add in a little animosity, it's really a discussion on if we want to move back to it. I haven't opened it back up yet for this month. Everything has been canceled except for the meetings for the sports organizations and Double Nickel club. Those are the ones we don't charge, and they really have no responsibility to us for payment or anything like that.

Mr. Horton stated I have a different viewpoint. I don't see why we would open it up at all.

Mr. Soriano stated I'm just offering and saying we can. I don't know that we need to. I kind of look at it the same way.

Mr. Horton asked how many reservations do you have in the club room?

Mr. Soriano stated other than those monthly meetings that I just mentioned that are free anyway for the sports organizations and Double Nickel club, the HOA I believe no longer needs it. We may have four for the month, if that.

Mr. Horton stated looking at the news, it just doesn't make sense to open it up to me. Maybe we should look at it in January.

Mr. Soriano stated even if we do it, it's not going to be a revenue generator.

Mr. Davis stated if it's not a monetary need, what's the point?

Ms. Nelsen stated and no one is beating on your door, really.

Mr. Horton stated I say we cancel everything out until January. The pools are different; they're outside, but when you get people in a room, even at 50% capacity, how many is that going to be in our club room?

Mr. Soriano stated 25 people.

Mr. Horton stated that's still 25 people in a group. All it takes is one person that affects the group.

Mr. Davis stated I know I-9 typically meets outside. Are all of the others outside, nothing in the club room? Because the concern I have is they say well you had a soccer meeting in there, how come I can't have a birthday party in there.

Mr. Soriano stated soccer has done both, but next week we're going to have 100 people in there. We have elections coming up. They've already sent me their list of things they've got to do.

Mr. Davis stated that is my only concern is the backlash on you just had 100 people in there to vote and I was one of them, how come I can't have a birthday party with 20 people.

Mr. Soriano stated it is a little tough. This year for almost everything most people have been pretty understanding, but we get a few. There are always people that just aren't happy with the way we're doing it.

Ms. Nelsen stated we can address it monthly.

Mr. Lanier stated if you want to address it monthly, keep it closed through the end of September and then at the September meeting we can discuss it.

Mr. Soriano stated I'll bring it back up. We book out almost a year ahead, so we're still canceling every month. I've canceled all of August. September is holding on because they want to know if we open back up if they can get their date. They know there's not a lot of places that are willing to take them, but they're asking, and we've told them just to wait until we've made that decision and we can make it every month.

Mr. Davis stated I think that's fair.

Mr. Horton stated you talked about voting. I voted last week over at Eagle Landing and everybody was wearing a mask.

Mr. Soriano stated they did send me a big list of everything they will do and everything they expect from people coming in.

Mr. Horton stated suppose there's 25 people in there for a birthday party. Who's going to enforce that? Nobody, really.

Mr. Soriano stated okay we will bring it back next month and go month to month. We never know. It may be beyond January by the time things really change, but I do want to have a schedule set up so I can inform staff. A lot of Wanda's job is dealing with these people and they're calling every day.

Mr. Horton stated I would say right now there's a good chance we won't be doing it for quite a while.

Mr. Soriano stated I wanted to update you guys that I received our playgrounds last week. That was almost a month ago that we approved that and that was a \$24,000 check right there and as I mentioned earlier, it's just easier for me to code it to repair and replacement, but realistically these are capital purchases so those will change off. I will go through and look at those and send a list so when we get to the end of the year where we're doing our final reports on the budget, we can swap things out if we want to. So, we did receive them, it was quick and that was why I picked out these couple units. If you've been by Nature's Hammock you've seen a lot of equipment back there, and back by my office the whole outdoor area is filled right now. The first one we replace will be Nature's Hammock and that will take us a couple of weeks and then that playground will be done.

Mr. Horton asked do you have all of the equipment in for both of them?

Mr. Soriano stated yes. That will be a big part of next month's report.

Mr. Davis asked what is going to be the October movie on the green?

Mr. Soriano stated I actually haven't picked it out yet. My concern was if anybody had any objections to doing that. The Jumbo Shrimp have been doing that all season while they didn't have games. They opened up bars too. They have these big squares out on the field and you can pay for a square for your family, but then you can go hang out at the bar so that's a little weird but a lot of places have been doing that this summer so unless there was any

objections I was going to bring that up first. It will be a Halloween themed movie. Last year we did Goosebumps so we will keep it along those lines.

Mr. Thomas stated we haven't talked about the parking lots in a while. Where are we at with the parking lots and the resurfacing of the track?

Mr. Soriano stated really, it's just development. We agreed to have Duval Asphalt and they have actually been outrageously busy so I can go out and look for somebody else. I had no problem waiting on them because there is a lot of other work going on right now. If you want to hurry up and get it done, we can threaten Duval.

Mr. Davis asked can we get an update for September, or even in the interim get some kind of response from them?

Mr. Soriano stated I had talked to them about a month ago about coming out and doing the tracks separately, but we were getting a better deal if they did all together, but I didn't mind paying more to get the track done because we were doing a couple things. We had to fix the bridge and sidewalks, I have the foundation in on the storage buildings so I would like to open up a little _____[inaudible] from the track to that foundation building so we're not just making mud there and that would be easier to do in asphalt than concrete so it will add on a tiny bit, but not much.

Ms. Nelsen stated they'll do a good job. I would prefer to wait on them.

Mr. Davis stated see if they can give us a timeline or estimated start date or some kind of response and then we can decide in September if it's too long.

Mr. Lanier asked the bridges that go over the ponds, is there any way we can put something on there that would keep the ducks off the rails because it is nasty.

Mr. Davis stated we have stuff that we've put on commercial roofs and around stadiums and stuff like that. You've probably seen them. That's the only thing that I'm familiar with.

Mr. Soriano stated that's the problem is the height because you can put things where they can't land that have sharp points and things like that, but with just a railing where people walk, we're kind of limited on what can go there.

Mr. Lanier stated I'm just wondering if we can do some research. Not a sharp point obviously.

Mr. Davis asked is it more ducks, geese or both?

Mr. Lanier responded ducks.

Mr. Davis stated the reason why I ask is we had a horrible problem at the ballfield with those Canadian Geese and their poop looks like a small dog or cat. It would literally take us about 10 parents and about 45 minutes to get it all off the field. We bought fake coyotes and those geese were gone in a matter of week or two. I don't know if that would help.

Mr. Soriano stated we have one that we put out at the pool and it looks realistic, so it's scared a couple of residents. I don't know if I can put it out by the bridges though because it will disappear, but there's got to be something we can come up with. Right now, we do our humane version of harassing them and that's helped to get them off the fields a bit more and move them from some ponds. They're not out there during the day so if you walk out there, you'll see them in the pond, but come nighttime when nobody is walking, they sit right on the rails and use the bathroom all over the bridge. They also know in the morning times they're going to get all kinds of food from people.

Mr. Davis asked that's another thing is would a sign help saying not to feed the ducks.

Mr. Horton asked aren't you pressure washing the bridges?

Mr. Soriano responded we still do once or twice a month. I'm not going to go out there every day. I can, but there's so much other stuff we have going on around the neighborhood that I can't really dedicate that much time to washing that bridge because this is something that will happen every night.

Mr. Horton stated I thought we would do it about once a week or twice a week. It seems like at first, we were doing it pretty frequently and it was staying pretty clean.

Mr. Soriano stated when we were doing it a little bit more, we'd have guys going up there with buckets of water. Now we have the pressure washer. It's not easier, but it allows us to get it cleaner and it's not pond water getting thrown onto it. We have to have a deterrent. It's not just about cleaning it.

Mr. Davis stated yes you have to keep the ducks off of it. You could probably clean it three times a day.

Ms. Nelsen stated maybe we can look at that and some kind of a structure on the top of it.

Mr. Horton stated we may have a resident that raises baby ducks and turns them loose back there.

Mr. Soriano stated we actually have one on this pond that does the same thing.

Mr. Davis asked can we not stop that?

Mr. Lanier stated Clay County is pretty liberal with wildlife.

Mr. Davis stated there has to be something against that with the homeowner's association.

Mr. Horton stated it may be the homeowner's association I'm talking about.

Ms. Suchsland stated I don't know if you guys can post signs saying do not feed. We have problems with the cats too. I've taken home a feral cat with five kittens and did the spay and neuter. I'm an animal lover, but people have to remember that when you feed, you attract. Maybe the deer urine, I use it for my flower beds because we have deer coming out of Nature's Hammock so there's deer urine, but with the rain you're going to have to do that nightly. Maybe once you do it once or twice it will deter it.

Mr. Soriano stated I actually like the idea of a structure over top. We can look at adding even a shade structure. They might sit up there, but that's where we can add something since no one will be touching up that high. We just have to find a way to deter them.

Ms. Nelsen stated when it slows down maybe you can put that on your list.

Mr. Lanier stated the second thing that I have is the pathway up to the bridge is stenciled into the bridge on the far side coming out. It's got some nice words in there.

Mr. Soriano stated we covered some up. I think we're going to have to grind down. It's going to happen when we have wet concrete. It's almost like we have to stand guard for a day so that night we got some stuff put in there. We are doing some sidewalk work this month, so while we're out there grinding the others, we can take care of those.

Mr. Lanier stated the other thing is I'd like to see about the feasibility of putting trails into our nature area where we put up the fence. One of the reasons for that is there are already trails back there that people have made from walking back there, so if we were to look at that feasibility and go ahead and build it and put some loops around and then we can connect possibly near Nature's Hammock near the playground. One, that will put people in there, shut it down at nighttime just like we do other parks to keep people from hanging out back there if it's a viable trail that people can walk. If we keep people on a trail it will keep people from damaging what else is there.

Mr. Soriano stated we talked about this last time a little bit, something that we could do in the future. We have two different areas. We have pond bank. If you've walked down there, there's already a trail there that's pretty large, and then we have a trail that's been cut by people through the conservation area to different areas. If we wanted to do that, we could work with St. Johns Water Management to get our easement adjusted to where we're allowed to have a trail back there. We have one back here and we actually built a boardwalk through, so we can get that adjusted. We're not building structures or anything like that. I think clearing it out and getting our landscapers to cut down some of the vines and push it back so it's a little cleaner. It's a trail now, but it's not huge. If we want it comfortable enough for people to walk back there it would come from the back of that park at Waverly, come up and connect to the trail that goes around the pond. That pond goes all the way up to the corner where Cannon's Point and Nature's Hammock come together right there so we could lead all the way out to that front corner. Really it would just be some land clearing. There are some areas where we would move some trees and there's some area, we could cut back vines. I don't know think that portion would be a ton of money, but there is one area I would want to look at if you want to make the trail longer there is an outfall we would have to put up. I would leave that to the engineer. I'm sure there is stuff we can get done that's already set up so we could put a bridge above that outfall. If you remember, that's the trail where we have people going back there every once and a while and we've had a fire twice back there from people smoking.

Ms. Nelsen asked that's behind Waverly Park?

Mr. Soriano stated yes going towards Nature's Hammock and behind Waverly Park. It would be helpful to have some eyes on the area if people used it as that. We might install a trash can or too. I could look at if we want to put our dog park that we're looking at in one of those playgrounds. The Nature's Hammock playground that I'm working on right now, we can go ahead and put fencing and there is a good amount of space there. I was kind of limited before and I didn't like the way it looked because that is the one that has the drainage issue. I would have to grade it and French drain it out to that large drain that already sits in the middle of the playground. If you guys have ever been over there you've seen a white picket fence that gets torn up all the time. I'd be able to close that off and we can have a dog park over there. You'd have a trail that leads to and from Waverly to Nature's Hammock and you'd have a lot more recreational area, so it is something that can be done. I can start looking into costs for it. I

don't think it's going to be anything that's going to be extremely high dollar, but it is a lot of work. I think it would be something that's beneficial. We don't really have the ability to add too many amenities right now, but you could look at that as another amenity.

Mr. Lanier stated with that a number of neighborhoods that are right around there and I think it would be welcome and easy to get to on both sides of the pond.

Ms. Nelsen stated I think it would be nice, but I'd like to play devil's advocate for a minute. You know where my house is, and I know that's where the kids gather to smoke. I've found tarps back there from huffing and paint cans and all kinds of fun stuff.

Mr. Davis stated I hate to be Debbie Downer. I think it's a fantastic idea, but you know how we get the people when they do come in saying I need lights at this park because at nighttime the kids hang out at the park and they're doing this and doing that. I've been back on those trails as well and they are very nice and would be something great, I just want to look at both sides of the coin. I have seen numerous stuff back there, alcohol cans, bottles, condoms, etc. and are you going to get a call from a resident saying I've got these kids behind my house and they're partying on the nature trail at night, because people like you and I aren't going to be back there at night. I don't think it's a horrible idea, but how do we police it or address those calls that we get right now on the parks that want lights and we can't get lights to those parks for the same reason.

Mr. Soriano stated there are going to be people that ask for lights and safety wise I think maybe we should, but we don't do any of our playgrounds and the cost to do that is going to be outrageous. However, as far as people just walking through in the middle of the night, we are fighting that now. There is trash out there, so we already know people are going out there. To me, it gives them an argument that they should be allowed to go out there. We still have to put up signs saying dawn until dusk and every once and while we have to kick people out and maybe we can get the off-duty officers to help walk through here and there at late hours to make sure people aren't going through there.

Mr. Davis asked can we do one or a portion of it and just see how it works?

Mr. Soriano stated the one that is there now is pretty well formed on the Waverly side. Not cutting into the playground access, but the one that is by the pond is already there and there's a lot of people that walk back there now. In fact if you remember, the issue the HOA got complaining about the dumping going on back there came from one of the residents that

lives there and she likes to walk her dog back there and a lot of people do because it's a big open area so we kind of have that already.

Mr. Davis asked can we designate that one then and let's just see. Would you have to stop it at some point or is that the one that comes to the big concrete viaduct thing?

Mr. Soriano stated if you go along the pond, that comes to the outfall. If you go the opposite direction it goes toward the Waverly playground so you have two directions you can go there, and then you would stop. If you want to carry on that would go to Nature's Hammock.

Mr. Lanier asked so with the trail that we walked last week it goes back through the middle sort of, so the same people that would be back there partying, we're not cutting closer to the homes. It's just now it's more of a identified area that people may go and keep people from hanging out back there.

Mr. Davis stated the one I'm familiar with just goes behind the pond and goes straight to that large concrete viaduct. I didn't know there was another one. If there's another one, then let's designate it and see how it goes in my opinion.

Mr. Lanier stated like Jay was saying there are some little trees that you can tell people have made a path.

Mr. Soriano stated it's something I can look at and I can bring to you guys. We will draw up some maps and try to figure out costs for clearing and things like that. I think it's something we will have to address one way or another. If you remember, years ago I started by pulling out our big heavy picnic tables that would get transplanted from the parks so kids could hang out. We've had couches back there and things like that so we've always had people back there, so this may be a way to help and give another amenity to the residents, but we will look at costs involved and the timing of it too.

Mr. Davis asked could you have some of this information next month?

Mr. Soriano responded yes. The first part is pretty easy, but the second part as far as going over the outfall, that's something I'd have to find out information on how we go about that application for the easement change and things like that. That may take longer because St. Johns handles that part and Peter Ma would help me out, but I can bring that back when I get that down the road.

Mr. Horton stated I brought this up a couple years back and it was shot down big time because kids go back there and now suddenly it's okay to do that, so it's sort of ironic but it's a good thing.

Mr. Soriano stated the problem is we're battling something that we wouldn't want. I don't generally like going back in those areas. I think everybody should stay out of those conservation easements and even the banks, we don't cut that there. Unless we make a nice clear path, I wouldn't want my dog back there either. There is some wildlife out here.

Mr. Davis stated yes, I figure you do put signs up saying it's at your own risk.

Mr. Soriano stated if you look at my wording on the policies, I even use St. Johns policies. People shouldn't fish out there, although we now allow it at all of our ponds. People want to go out in their backyard and fish, but these ponds are not supposed to be used for recreational purposes according to St. Johns, but if I'm fighting a problem and we can add something nice to the neighborhood and get rid of that problem then it may be the only way to do it. I've said it before, I think unfortunately years down the road we're going to hear it enough we are probably going to add some lights to the playground sooner or later, but I don't think it's the greatest idea and it's costly. I don't think I said it was a bad idea though.

Mr. Horton stated you said we couldn't do it.

Mr. Soriano stated it is going to take some work and we will have to do an application. It will be between the board and there's another board. The St. Johns Water Management District has their own board so it would be an agreement between the two boards to change an easement and whenever you do anything like build things such as a boardwalk, they may ask for something to mitigate that loss so they may say we have to give up some other land somewhere. I don't think we will have to do that because we're not building anything, we're just clearing a path in what is already back there.

Mr. Horton stated I walk back there every other day and it's pretty open back there. It's got some pretty heavy weeds just before you get to the outflow there, but I think once you weed whack it down a couple of times it should be manageable.

Mr. Soriano stated I don't think that board is going to have a big concern and say no you can't do this. If we're building something like this extensive boardwalk that goes from the back of our property and that next neighborhood, that may be a little harder, but for what we're

talking about doing now I think we can do it. I'll push them a little bit and I'll see where we can go. Like I said, cost shouldn't be a big concern on this one.

Mr. Horton stated I've got a couple of things for you, Jay. You've got a lot of projects going. What about the waterfall?

Mr. Soriano stated I ordered a _____ [inaudible] and I'm at \$4,000 right now, so I'm under our not to exceed amount. I have a couple of gaskets that I'll need to pick up once the _____ and _____ [inaudible] come in. I have two motors that work well, they're not sucking in air. Hopefully we can finish that up this month. It's all open and ready. You can see the motor is laying there ready to go, it's just not on.

Mr. Horton stated the new storage building, I know the foundation is there. Any timeframe on trying to put it up? To me, you have to be careful with these hurricanes if you can get a window where you can make sure you can get it up and secured before the wind comes.

Mr. Soriano stated I don't know that we will have a problem with wind. The way we set it up to do the work on that was with the hourly guys, so we do have a lot of those projects. If we wanted to, we could do a not to exceed and I could bring in other people to help out with it to make it quicker. If not, I can do it the way I'm doing it where we do five or ten hours this week, have them working on the playground, work on adding the frame and then next week we add more. That is with the three maintenance guys that I have to go back and forth between the two districts so if I want to bring in more people, we just secure some extra money. The estimation on that is 150 hours and I'm looking at around \$3,500 to \$4,000 for building and that's actually cheaper than the foundation was so however we want to do it.

Mr. Horton stated I think bringing in some more people might be a good idea because once you get started you can bang it out.

Ms. Nelsen asked do you have people to pull?

Mr. Soriano stated I'd have to talk to RMS. It allows me to get to work if they have it. If they don't have it, I can come back to you and explain why, but if he has an extra one or two guys it allows me to get to work and you're talking about two and a half weeks with two guys.

Mr. Davis asked is it a necessity? Do we need something right this second?

Mr. Soriano stated I don't. If I can work with these guys on their regular schedule and I can get as much done with it, it ends up saving us money on our installation. It's really up to

you guys on if you want it done quicker. I have the two playgrounds that still have to go up so we are getting to the end of the year where we usually do some work on the pools to close up for the year, which I will report to you next month.

Ms. Nelsen stated you could offer your guys overtime.

Mr. Davis stated it would probably still be cheaper than paying somebody else.

Mr. Soriano stated there's only so many people I'm going to ask for. We're not getting a lot of cheap work at \$25 an hour. I can get some general laborers, but even then, the district doesn't hire like that. We require insurance and things like that. There's not a cheap way out of it either way.

Mr. Horton asked what about the one over here?

Mr. Soriano stated they're not really concerned. They have a meeting next week so they may ask me for an updated timeline but they're not too concerned. They have two storage bins and they're pretty well hidden. We were worried about the way they look, but you can't really see them back there. We have some other large projects over here also.

Mr. Horton stated whatever you think is best.

Mr. Soriano stated we have plenty of money if you want to set aside money and it helps me get it done quicker, I'll do what I can. I try to get everything done as quick as I possibly can. If you want to wait until next month and see where we're at I can always ask how many extra guys they have to devote to this neighborhood and if he gives me a good idea, then I can bring it back to you then too.

Mr. Perry stated I would ask because at a lot of other districts with COVID there has been a lot of maintenance and small projects so a lot of these are stretched pretty thin with manpower unfortunately.

Mr. Thomas stated I just want to say thank you Jay for removing that graffiti and my question to you is, is this an ongoing thing? I've never seen it on that grand of a scale.

Mr. Soriano stated I was actually surprised we haven't had a problem this summer like I thought we would. This has been a long summer since it started in March, so I really thought we were going to have a lot more problems with vandalism. We really have not, so it's been good. I think this was a one-off with somebody who was bored but the nice part was I had lots of people report that to me pretty quick so we were able to get out and spray it down to at least make it to where you can't see what it was. I have a pressure washer set up to come out and do

that playground and the sidewalks again this month anyway, so it'll look nice and new after this.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Audience Comments / Supervisors'
Requests**

There being none, the next item followed.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Next Scheduled Meeting

Mr. Perry stated the next scheduled meeting is September 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at this location.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On MOTION by Ms. Nelsen seconded by Mr. Horton with all in favor the meeting was adjourned.



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