

Millhopper Forest Homeowner's Association, Inc.
Board of Directors Emergency Meeting
July 12, 2021
Video Conference
7:00 PM
UNAPPROVED
Minutes

Location

Video Conference

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Attendance, Roll Call, Determination of Quorum

Board members present were Penny Bugos, Tracy Connors, Sig Freund, Jeff Hyatt and Gary Jones. A quorum was established. Representative present from Guardian Association Management was Kelly Burch.

Drainage Issues

Gary asked Engineer Sergio Reyes to explain the issues that were presented in 2018 and explain what was found and explain what the issues were at the time. Mr. Reyes presented a map with 3 basins colored in yellow, ponding area three and 2 drainage easements one on northern end of 55th and one closer to the cul-de-sac. He explained that all of those areas drained by percolation and evaporation, the problem that caused the high water was not Tropical Storm Elsa but all the water preceding it. The basins did not have time to recover prior to the 7 – 9 inches of rain brought in by the storm. Basin 2 near the cul-de-sac and ponding area 3 are connected and the Association is very limited on what can be done to reduce the amount of water in the ponds as those areas are wetlands.

All of the piping needs to be maintained properly to ensure that there are no backups or blockages. There are vacuum trucks that can camera and clean out the pipes. Mr. Reyes recommended that as step one of the process, he then recommended that the storm drain in ponding area three be modified to allow water to drain from the pond at a more rapid rate. As a more permanent solution, he recommended that in fall, when the water dried, basin two have an extensive cleanup with tree and silt removal. Coordination and permission from Alachua County would be needed for all of the work in the basin. Mr. Reyes stressed that the system was generally functioning as it was designed to function. There was a need for some maintenance, it was under designed for the amount of water that was being collected.

Tracy made a motion that the Association take the action detailed below: Mr. Reyes agreed to communicate with Alachua County regarding the possibilities for lowering the water level in the basins and ponding area three and maintaining the pipes to look for blockages. The Board would meet to discuss options. Mr. Reyes would explore with the county what other relief options they would allow and the Board would meet to discuss those options. Mr. Reyes would then meet with the County to obtain information on what long term maintenance can be done on the basins and ponding area three. The Board would meet again. Penny seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The Board thanked Sergio immensely for his help with the issue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 P.M.