

**DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.**  
**Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

Amy Munizzi, President, called the meeting to order and led the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and everyone introduced themselves. Katie with Smooth Waters Wildlife Center introduced herself and their new business in DeLeon Springs. Amy invited her to speak at the end of the meeting in more detail about their exciting new addition to DeLeon Springs.

Laurie Haas, as acting Secretary for Bobbie Witt, reviewed the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Harold Davis motioned to approve the minutes as posted on the website and emailed; Andrea Smiley seconded and the motion carried.

Review of Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer, presented the report showing \$640.27 in expenses and for income \$175.00 with an available bank balance of \$5,180.30. Tammy report that scholarship award winner Alex Fuentes has not yet decided which school he will be attending, he has narrowed it down to two; once he commits, a check will then be sent to the school of his choice. Harold Davis motioned to approve the report; Jennie Mero seconded and the motion carried.

Reports:

"Junkyard" update: Amy stated that the Code Enforcement Board hearing was June 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am in the County Council Chambers in DeLand. The owner Dennis O'Donnell was not present when Officer Christopher R. Hooper, County of Volusia Building & Zoning Compliance Officer, spoke to the Board and shared his interactions with Mr. O'Donnell. The Board then voted to assess fines on this property of \$100.00 per day. This may also lead to a lien being placed on the property if it is not paid.

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: There was no report available although Amy mentioned that they are working on fundraising opportunities as all previous money has been spent.

Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails: Kevin Phelps was unavailable but did text Amy with a report that several trails are under water due to weather conditions. He has had several volunteers helping to repair and groom the trails. Amy also provided an update regarding the possibilities of expanding trails on the old rail bed. As of now this project remains on hold until an environmental study can be done to rebut the claim by an adjacent property owner that wetlands are being negatively impacted by the trail.

Benevolence: Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she has recently shipped 1lb 11.6oz of coupons to this cause. Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea shipped 6.45lbs of used phones and accessories to this organization for them to recycle. Officer Jason Sampsell brought another box of old phones to tonight's meeting from City of Orange City. Amy thanked everyone for their most generous donations to the Malloy Head Start Food Pantry. She personally witnessed families picking up donations and how appreciative they are. She also states that families are always in need of diapers.

Autumn in the Oaks Festival Board meeting July 18, 5:30 p.m.: Amy reported that we are gearing up for the October 21<sup>st</sup> Festival and everyone is invited to participate on this working Board. Laurie Haas also encouraged other to join the Festival Board.

Art Among the Trees State of the Arts Grant follow-up presentation to the Volusia County Cultural Council: Amy stated this will be at 9:00 am on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the African American Museum of Art. Amy has submitted the follow up report with receipts, etc. and will give this presentation with highlights of the event and showing how the grant funds were used. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Amy was thanked for her work to ensure we are eligible for this grant. Last year's grant was \$1,500.00, with the possibility of \$1,000.00 for the 2018 year.

New Business:

Porter House Grounds maintenance: Amy reported that we have previously had volunteers maintain the grounds but this has become more work and fewer volunteers are available, therefore the Board voted and

agreed to hire Juan Mancilla's Cutting Edge Lawn Maintenance for \$200.00 a month to maintain the property.

August 8<sup>th</sup> DSCA, Inc. general meeting 'birthday party' covered dish dinner: After discussion all agreed to have a DSCA, Inc. Sixth Birthday Party during the August meeting. All are invited to come enjoy the fun and encouraged to bring a covered dish item to share.

Public Comments: Katie with Smooth Waters Wildlife Center shared that they are open Fri-Mon., 9-2pm. Admission is a suggested donation of \$5.00. She also discussed the option of bringing a small alligator to our next meeting on the August 8<sup>th</sup> and everyone agreed that would be a fun addition to our dinner meeting.

Tammy shared and all agreed to again offer a Back to School drive to include school supplies for the Malloy Head Start. Tammy will provide more information via e-mail so we can collect items to bring to our next meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> for distribution to MHS students prior to school's start on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Amy reminded all that the Porter house DVD player and TV were stolen during the break-in last month; these items will need to be replaced. She invited anyone interested to donate these items if possible.

McInnis Elementary Student Advisory Committee (SAC): Laurie Haas will attend the upcoming monthly meeting in August when school resumes. She has agreed to serve on this committee as a representative of the DSCA, Inc. and will report back with all updates she receives.

The Wells Fargo bank in Deleon Springs will be closing effective October, 2017. Shirley Malmberg shared the history of the first Bank of Deleon Springs that her husband Don built on property they owned there, because our community had no bank. The second bank to be there was a Visa Bank, then it became a SouthTrust, a Wachovia and then Wells Fargo. Discussion ensued about asking Mainstreet Community Bank to look into taking over the location. Amy will send them an e-mail.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, covered dish dinner, 6:00 p.m., Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N. Please bring a food item to share.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Laurie Haas,*  
*Acting Secretary*