

WHITING STATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES OPEN FORUM (Clubhouse Ballroom), JULY 18, 2023

Initial Resident Q&A –

- BS (520 PET)- 1. Thank you for such a nice job on my brothers repress. 2. I, and several neighbors have concerns over parking in Petunia Lane area. We cannot use the clubhouse parking lot due to the distance. Why can't we park 24 hours a day on Petunia if we can park 16 hours per day? What can we do about the lack of parking on the Petunia side of the neighborhood. The world has changed in the last 40 years and the needs for more parking is growing. Walking across Lacey Road to park at the Clubhouse is dangerous. Mickey- *The theme in the adult communities is for no parking due to 1) safety, 2) aesthetics. All we can do is gauge how the rest of the community feels about it.* BS- What about us being able to widen the driveway to allow side by side parking? Mickey- *We talked about this option last year. The board felt that it did not have the backing of the residents. Legal will have to look at this issue on changing the existing covenants.* Bud- *We also found that water run off was also a potential issue.* BS- This issue is a Petunia Lane only issue due to the distance to the clubhouse parking lot. Why can't we have a Petunia Lane vote? Mickey- *Absolutely not; we will not have a divided residential community.* Bud- *We can ask the questions with the lawyer.* BS- Instead of telling us what we cannot do, how about we come up with a solution on what we CAN do? Barbara- *I agree with you; times are changing and this issue is only going to get worse. I think it is time that we have discussions on what we can do to address this. We need to get an idea on how many residents feel that issue needs to be addressed.* Ralph- *it all boils down to money. Unfortunately, no one wants to be accessed to build a parking lot and no one wants a parking lot next to their property. If storage is an issue, then we need to rent a storage facility so your garage is open for cars.* Mickey- *You can make changes by running for the board.*
- SP (638 PET)- 1) Heard that we will have new planting by the fence in the pool area. Mickey: *This is on hold due to the cost of refurbishing the recreation area.* SP 2) Many neighbors have lost pin Oaks due to age and I am concerned about losing our trees. I see in the architectural permits that people are removing trees for many different reasons but are not replacing them by planting new ones. I would like the rules to remain that trees must be replaced by zone friendly trees. Mickey- *Yes, we will be discussing this later on in the meeting.* SP 3) One possibility about widening the driveway is to use blocks that allow grass to grow through it and it can allow drainage.
- LA (110 MGL)- I, and several other residents, put our houses in our children's names for estate purposes. However, rules do not allow us to run for the board. I am asking

if we can change the rules so that residents (such as I) can run for the board after being a resident for five years? You are losing good candidates because of a technicality. Mickey- *You have to be a member of the HOA in order to run. However, if we can get a 2/3 vote, perhaps we can revise this rule. We can bring this up to our legal counsel.*

- SS (574 PET)- I have two concerns, 1. Sprinkler on edge of property keeps getting pulled out by the lawn mowers. Bob- *I have a list of work orders and will address this.* SS- 2. The common woods behind my house are a mess. I was told that it needs to stay in its natural state but does the fire dept know how bad it is and if it is a fire hazard? Mickey- *We have woods surrounding the whole neighborhood and in many back yards; maintenance fees do not allow us to clean out all of our woods of natural debris.* SS- I heard through the grapevine that we have a million dollars in funds that we are sitting on. Bud- *We have about \$800,000 in assets right now; \$700,000 is allocated towards future anticipated projects and current maintenance. We currently have about 15K-20K dollars in extra funds which I will be talking about in a minute.* Carney- *As discussed with you- we are planning on removing the one tree down.* Barb- *What is the mess in your woods?* SS- *The mess is both, fallen dead plants AND garbage.* Barb- *It doesn't take much to pick up garbage, take a garbage bag and take out what is unsightly.*
- PW (324 GAR) A few years ago, we brought up the fire wise project that we could get money- it involves clean up to prevent fires. No one wanted to make the effort. If anyone wants to get involved, look into "fire wise" It involves a lot of time and deals with the state.
- PS (576 PET) 1. We extended our driveway on both sides. Please consider the allowance of widening driveways further. 2. Does the board have the right to go on resident's property without permission? I noticed a board member going onto a neighbor's property. Carney- *I did receive permission to go on your neighbor's property.* Mickey- *If it is an emergency, yes, we can. If it is not an emergency, we get permission.*
- MM (628 PET)- Maybe between the hours of 12 AM to 6 AM, Petunia Lane residents can use the shuttle bus here. *(laughter)*
- JS (576 PET)- The retirement villages behind us leave garbage in back of us and do not clean it up. Mickey- *We had this issue last year. We found that you need to call the town to complain and have them clean it up.*
- EO (5 MGL)- Any chance of adding any universal work out equipment? Mickey- *Unfortunately, we do not have these funds in the budget for next year.*
- CW (88 MGL)- Reason is to show you all how to use a microphone *(laughter)*
- CW (88 MGL)- If you do not agree with what is going on, you should run for the board

