# The Lake St. George South Homeowners' Association, Inc. D.B.A. The Courts of Lake St. George A Corporation Not-for-profit

# **Minutes of Special Board Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2015

Time: 4:00 P.M.

**Place: Board Director Home** 

Palm Harbor, FL 34684

The Special Board Meeting of The Lake St. George South Homeowners' Association, Inc., DBA The Courts of Lake St. George was held at Board Director Home, Palm Harbor, FL 34684, commencing at 4:10 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

# Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM.

# **Roll Call**

President, David Baier, Vice President, Duane Jennings, Director, Lou Voltaggio, and Treasurer, Margaret Simon. Secretary, John Jaufmann was absent.

# Establish a Quorum

The President announced the presence of a quorum, and presided over the meeting.

# **New Business**

Request Pinellas County Public Works - Traffic Engineering to post eleven (11) NO PARKING signs traveling East to West on the North side of Langstaff Drive between Lake St. George Drive and Cheltenham Drive aka CR 95. Note Cheltenham Drive intersects Langstaff Drive at two (2) locations. Below is a list of affected Street and Cul-de-sacs/Courts. See Map - Exhibit 'A'.

- 1. Cheltenham Drive aka CR 95 to Lazar Court
- 2. Lazar Court to Midland Court
- 3. Midland Court to Finch Court
- 4. Finch Court to Ullman Court
- 5. Ullman Court to Carmichael Court
- 6. Carmichael Court to Shapland Court
- 7. Shapland Court to Jensen Court
- 8. Jensen Court to Biggar Court
- 9. Biggar Court to Baird Court
- 10. Baird Court to Alabaster Court
- 11. Langstaff Drive to Lake St. George Drive.

# **Discussion**

Key points for installing NO PARKING SIGNS on Langstaff Drive:

- 1. Speeding and Accidents.
  - a. Parked vehicles on both sides of the street create a conflict between opposing drivers arriving simultaneously creating problems.
  - b. Parking on street creates a narrow one-way lane instead of two-lane roadway.
  - c. Langstaff Drive does not have street markings to enforce a NO PASSING ZONE.
  - d. Damage property, landscape material, homeowner vehicles that are parked in their driveway, street light poles, numerous postal stands, and mailboxes that have

to be repaired and/or replaced.

- 2. Pedestrian and Site View Danger.
  - a. The Lake St. George Elementary School is in walking distance for the children in the community.
  - b. Vehicles that park on the street, straddle the grassy strip between the sidewalk and street, and park on the sidewalk is a safety issue because pedestrian, bicyclists, and a moving vehicle does not have a clear view.
  - c. Ingress and Egress difficulty from driveways or cul-de-sacs.
  - d. Assured clear distance.
- 3. Lack of amenities.
  - a. Vehicles parking on sidewalks or blocking sidewalks, violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
  - b. Vehicles parking within 15 feet from a fire hydrant.
  - c. Vehicles parking within 30 feet from a stop sign or intersection.
  - d. Mail Delivery Obstruction and Damaged Postal stands/mailboxes. USPS regulations state that they are not required to deliver mail to an obstructed mailbox, or mailboxes lying on the ground.
  - e. There are several types of postal stands in the community -there may a individual postal stand with one (1) mailbox or two (2) to eight (8) mailboxes attached to one (1) postal stand.
- 4. Pinellas County Code of Ordinances, Part II, Chapter 122, Article II, Stopping and Parking at any intersection or stop sign on a private street, driveway or roadway, and Pinellas County Code of Ordinances, Section 98-3. Public Correction of dangerous conditions on private roads.
- 5. Florida Statutes Title XXIII Motor Vehicles Chapter 16
  - FL Statute 316.1945 Stopping, Standing, or Parking Prohibited in Specific Place
  - FL Statute 316.1955 Enforcement of parking requirements for persons who have disabilities
  - FL Statute 316.1965 Parking near mailbox; USPS 3.1.4 Clear Approach
  - FL Statute 316.1995 Driving upon a sidewalk or bicycle path
- 6. No Parking Signs would aid the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in enforcement of parking restrictions on Langstaff Drive.

The President stated the board would like to create solutions to help the community so residents can enjoy free unencumbered access to their property and safe pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

# **Adjournment**

A motion was made by David Baier to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Duane Jennings, and unanimously approved and voted in favor of No Parking Signs posted on Langstaff Drive. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Simon, Treasurer

#### **EXHIBIT A**

