

MINUTES
THUNDERBIRD PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
September 12, 2022

The TPOA meeting was called to order by President Bette Lobue at 7:00 PM at Town Hall and on Zoom. Bette LoBue led the Flag Salute.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Carolyne Piel read the minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting. There were no corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Beth Carlton, Carolyne read the Treasurer report. The balance in the checking account is \$3,400.61 and a savings account balance of \$765.84. Checks payable to local charities from the Green Elephant Fund have been sent and to date 10 have cleared the bank. The report will be filed for audit.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Tina Emerson reported the new roof on Town Hall has been completed. Additional paving work and water repairs continue to be on the agenda. A new financial system is in place to facilitate sending and receiving payment of water bills. The Town Council has been made aware of a problem with no water to the homes on Cheoah Trail when the electric goes out. The Town is working on finding a solution.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY - Kevin Haag and Beth Carlton, along with Diana Simeon, Larry Block and Greg Conner continue to keep our streets clean. Volunteers are still needed, so please contact Kevin. This is a great way to give back to the Town.

TOURIST DEVELOPMENT - Diana Simon reported that Tourist Development Fund balance as of August 30, 2022, is \$8,339.31. On June 3, 2022, TOLS office sent letters to Management companies and online booking agents to inform them of the reduction of occupancy tax to 0%. The Occupancy Tax of 3% continues to be collected by AIRBNB and VRBO. When the Town receives the collected tax, the checks are returned to the online booking companies. Councilwomen Tina Emerson explained that it would be illegal to cash the check, therefore they are returned back to the management companies. Three members asked why there was a reduction of the Occupancy Tax from 3% to 0%.

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Becky Block reported that everyone who attended the picnic in Chalet Village to hear local band 129 South had a great time. There was lots of dancing and the band enjoyed playing for all who attended. Frances Conner thanked Becky for her great job in planning this event.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Greg Conner reported on the Nominating Committee suggested TPOA slate of officers for the coming 2023-2024 year. They are President, Bette LoBue, Vice President, Bill Piel, Secretary, Mary Roemer, Treasurer, Greg Conner. Additional nominees submitted by the membership that meet the criteria are President, Aura Griffith and Vice President, Jack Gross. Hearing no objections or questions, the slate of officers and additional nominees will be listed on the ballots that will be in the 2023 Winter Newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kevin and Julie Haag were asked to write a resolution for TPOA concerning the issue of water pressure at the homes on Black Bear and Cheoah Trail. Fire hydrants in the area are also rendered inoperable.

The next Association meeting is June 12, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Piel, Secretary