

**Glen Isle Improvement Association  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

June 18, 2019

**Date:** June 18, 2019

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Glen Isle Clubhouse

Meeting called to order by John Szkotnicki

**Attending:** Christina Feindt, John Szkotnicki, Sam Liff, Jack Thibodeau, Scott Lockett, Yvonne Myers, Michael Wagener, Stephanie McShane, Todd Reabold, Hobbs Horak, David Springer, Matthew Clifford

**Absent:** John Morgan, Ben Borchelt, Tim Keating

**Reading of the Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors were reviewed. Motion made to approve by John S, Sam Liff seconds. **Approved.**

**Treasurer Report:** Yvonne reports

Capital Reserve Fund:	\$21,303.68
GIIA Checking:	\$63,140.73
Safe Harbor Savings:	\$30,772.73
Total Checking/Savings:	\$115,217.14
Accts. Receivable:	\$5,250.00
<b>Total Current Assets:</b>	<b>\$120,567.14</b>

*Documents were submitted.*

Financial review:

Nothing special to note.

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read** is made by Christina, John S seconds. **Approved.**

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**Guest speaker:**

- *Eric Terry from AA County Dept. of Public Works Traffic Engineering Division returned to provide data from the traffic study that took place March, April, and May of 2019. That summary follows the minutes.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Beach & Piers:

- Swim Raft at beach is not secure. Chain has detached from cement.

Mike W. and John will re-attach.

- Cigarette butt collectors for the beach area.

Discussion of perhaps getting two for the different areas where people throw cigarettes on ground.

John **makes a motion** to purchase cigarette butt collectors at an estimated cost below \$100 each.

Jack seconds the motion. **Approved.**

- Life rings needed with lines attached. They have again gone missing.

Must be mounted for access.

John **makes a motion** to purchase two new life rings. Jack seconds. Discussion follows. **Approved.**

- Jack notes that new lighting on A Pier looks great and all seems to be working well.

- Beach gatherings:  
John points out that a recent request for a larger event with parking goes against the rules.  
Discussion follows. Most agree that residents would like to be able to have a large gathering now and then.  
Jack suggests letting the beach chairperson know ahead of time as we've traditionally done.  
Mike comments that these are unique situations that we are trying to accommodate and some compromise is required.  
John indicates he is against the idea of making exceptions.  
After much discussion, Stephanie M. suggests that she and Ben will talk about possible ideas.
- Suggestion of asking residents to get more involved in noting illegal activity in the neighborhood.  
Review of the Neighborhood Watch Program is offered.  
Remind residents that they can call the county police non-emergency number to report problems also.
- Beach Erosion project update:  
John has been speaking with engineers about ideas for front beach area erosion.  
Still looking at the idea of creating two stone jetties that interlock about 5 feet off of shoreline.  
Then backfilling the area with sand and grasses.  
He is reaching out to the contractor from the most recent beach construction, T Allen Marine.  
Goal is to draw up a plan to share with Glen Isle residents and then submitting to the county.  
Hoping to keep cost as low as possible, but it will require some expense.
- Signs:  
Scott Luckett reviews which of the new signs have been installed and mentions that he is wrapping up with the remaining details. Mike W. will help with ladder install at the beach for some.
- Yvonne ordered a new volleyball net for the beach.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday:  
Tim Keating remarks that holiday is on a Thursday.  
He has already reached out for security, just needs confirmation that we want it.  
Comment is made that the Clubhouse is rented for the holiday, so that parking will be full.
- Mosquito spraying:  
After resident queries, Christina contacted the MD Dept. of Agriculture to confirm that Glen Isle is indeed on the spray list again this year.  
They confirmed that GI spraying is on Monday nights. Two recent Mondays were cancelled due to weather.
- Elections:  
Sam confirms that we will be holding elections again this September for 3 officer positions and 4 directors.  
Tim Keating and Ben Borchelt have chosen not to continue, so there will be at least two open seats.  
Sam is actively seeking residents to step up and serve. Volunteers wanted.
- September Annual meeting:  
Suggestion of using this meeting to share news about traffic study with residents.  
Board should also think of sharing a visual concept of future beach repair work.  
The goal also stands of having language ready for a by-law change concerning changing from two annual meetings to one. The Board will need to review that change prior to sending it out to residents.
- Sam suggests that we need new wood chips put on the playground area.

Mike W. notes that in the past, it's been a special wood "carpet" required for playground surfaces. He urges Sam to speak with the landscaper and to get a cost estimate for proper materials.

- It is noted that one fire extinguisher appears to be missing from the Clubhouse wall. Chairperson will be contacted to verify. Suggestion is made that a checklist should be reviewed following rentals and deposits should be kept if there is damage or missing items.

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Motion to adjourn is made by Jack Thibodeau, Stephanie McShane seconds.  
Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Christina Feindt, Recording Secretary

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Guest Speaker Eric Terry with AA County Dept. of Public Works, Traffic Engineering Division

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#### • **Traffic Study**

- The machine count of vehicle usage was done at 5 points within the areas of Glen Isle.
- There were also two spot radar studies done at 2 points.
- Vehicle counts as well as mean and prevailing speed data was presented.
- Only 2 of the 5 points had usage numbers that qualify for some type of traffic calming.
- And while the two points qualify for measures, they do not meet the speed thresholds necessary to warrant any financial assistance from the county for possible physical changes elected by the community. For instance, the installation of speed humps would require that 100% of the installation costs be paid by the community. Cost is estimated at \$55 /foot times the width of the road. Estimated cost of \$2,000 for two.
- The 2 points that qualified are located prior (*south*) to the intersection of Riverview Drive and Glen Isle Rd.
- No points beyond that boundary qualified for any permanent methods.
- It is up to the community to agree on which methods it would like to utilize moving forward.
- There are both non physical and physical changes possible and Mr. Terry presented them all.
- Please read the summary following the presentation of methods.

#### **Possible traffic calming methods**

##### **Non-permanent alternatives include:**

**Speeding Awareness** – Residents may sit with one of the analysts while he shoots radar to see if your perceptions about a speeding vehicle match reality.

**Police RAVEN letter** – If residents gather information about a consistently speeding vehicle, including tag number, description, time and date and a mention of the observed violation, police will send the violator a notification by mail about the issue to warn they may be under future observation.

**Traffic Calming Week** – Disrupt the complacency of drivers who use road on a daily basis.  
Use Radar Speed Board, Newsletter and flier information, increased enforcement, yard signage.

##### **Permanent physical changes include:**

**8" edge lines** – the standard white edge line on County owned/maintained roads is a 4 inch white edge line – currently painted on Glen Isle Rd. If applicable, the County is willing to install an 8 inch edge line on Glen Isle Rd. near the community entrance (*which is nearest the 1<sup>st</sup> home on entry, not at the community sign*). The county would assume all costs for this.

### **Traffic Circle/Mini Roundabout – (at Glen Isle Rd. & Riverview)**

#### *Benefits:*

- Effective in reducing speeds
- Self-enforcing and create a visual impression that a street is not intended for speeding
- Help with right of way assignment
- No cost to community

#### *Impacts:*

- Emergency vehicles response may be slowed
- Aesthetics, not pleasing – concrete structures
- Require signing and striping; some residents find unattractive
- Maintenance costs to county
- May not be supported by 100 percent of community
- Speed variance, acceleration/deceleration

### **Speed Humps –** These wider, low-profile humps are not the same as “speed bumps.”

#### *Benefits:*

- Effective in reducing speeds
- Self-enforcing and create a visual impression that a street is not intended for speeding
- May divert traffic to other streets

#### *Impacts:*

- Emergency vehicles can be slowed by 9 to 12 seconds per hump
- Noise increase
- Aesthetics, not pleasing
- Require signing and striping; some residents find unattractive
- Community share/funds cost of construction
- Maintenance costs to county
- May not be supported by 100 percent of community
- Speed variance, acceleration/deceleration

### **From their literature:**

“Based on the data collected and the Neighborhood Traffic Control Guidelines, the section of Glen Isle Road from Kathe Court up to and including the intersection with Riverview Dr., Cedar Dr, and Christophers Way qualifies for physical changes to the road including speed humps.

The County is very cautious in the use of traffic calming devices and does not want to use these devices where they are not warranted. Unwarranted devices can lead to unnecessary delay to essential services such as fire and emergency equipment, waste management and road operation equipments (snow plows).”

### **Summary:**

Mr. Terry did confirm that the county definitely seeks community approval prior to any installation of permanent methods. They can send out a survey to all residents and tally the responses. They would also reach out to the particular property owners most affected by the possible installation of any physical change, i.e., those who live nearest to the barriers.

The GIIA Board discussed beginning with the least impact, looking at the non-permanent alternatives such as a Traffic Week to begin with. The board would like to schedule a Radar Speed Board within the neighborhood to educate residents, as well as share information on the effort.

The Board would like to work with the County and Mr. Terry to ensure that the voices and opinions of Glen Isle residents are heard on this issue. If you have an opinion on a method presented, or anything else to do with the possible utilization of permanent traffic calming methods in our neighborhood, please reach out to a Board member, or write an e-mail or letter to share with the entire board.

More discussion on the issue will take place at the Annual Community Meeting in September.