

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
LAKE ASHTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND  
LAKE ASHTON II COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

The joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Lake Ashton Community Development District and Lake Ashton II Community Development District was held on Friday, **August 21, 2020** at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom video conferencing, pursuant to Executive Orders 20-52, 20-69 and 20-91 (as extended by Executive Order 20-112, 20-114, 20-150 and 20-179) issued by Governor DeSantis on March 9, 2020, March 20, 2020, April 1, 2020 and April 29, 2020 respectively, and pursuant to Section 120.54(5)(b)2., Florida Statutes.

**Present and constituting a quorum:**

Michael Costello  
Bob Ference  
Bob Plummer  
Harry Krumrie

Lake Ashton CDD Chairman  
Lake Ashton CDD Assistant Secretary  
Lake Ashton CDD Assistant Secretary  
Lake Ashton CDD Assistant Secretary

Doug Robertson  
James Mecsecs  
Bob Zelazny  
Stanley Williams  
Carla Wright

Lake Ashton II CDD Chairman  
Lake Ashton II CDD Vice Chairman  
Lake Ashton II CDD Assistant Secretary  
Lake Ashton II CDD Assistant Secretary  
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**Also present:**

Jill Burns  
Sarah Sandy  
Alan Rayl  
Mary Bosman  
Brian Rhodes

District Manager  
District Counsel  
District Engineer  
Community Director  
Billy Casper Golf

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Burns called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and called the roll. All Supervisors were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Ms. Burns: Does anyone have any questions, comments or additions to the agenda? If not, we would be looking for a motion to approve from both Districts.

On MOTION by Mr. Plummer seconded by Mr. Costello with all in favor the meeting agenda was approved by the Lake Ashton CDD Board.

On MOTION by Mr. Mecsecs seconded by Mr. Robertson with all in favor the meeting agenda was approved by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board.

**THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Public Comments on Specific Items on the Agenda *(the District Manager will read any questions or comments from members of the public in advance of the meeting; those members of the public wanting to address the Board directly should first state his or her name and his or her address. All comments, including those read by the District Manager, will be limited to three (3) minutes)***

Ms. Burns: At this time, we will take public comments on any agenda item and general comments at the end of the meeting for items not on the agenda. Those of you using Zoom's phone feature, can find the raised hand icon or press \*9 if attending by phone. First is Mike Holden. You have three minutes to address the Boards.

Resident (Mike Holden, Turnberry): Hello. I sent an email to all Supervisors, and I don't want to waste anyone's time reading it, unless someone has a question about the email. The email was regarding the section in the Joint Amenity Policies that has an extra sentence that the Golf Course Policies for the West do not have. Does anybody need me to read that email?

Mr. Mecsecs: We've seen it.

Mr. Costello: Jillian, you assured me that the email would be included in the public record.

Ms. Burns: Correct.

Mr. Costello: Then the only thing I have to say is, I think you need to add, "The waiver of liability contained herein, does not apply to any active, intentional, willful or wanton misconduct by the indemnities." Either that or just reference the Joint Amenity Policy where that sentence already exists and eliminate the indemnification clause from the Golf Course Policy, because they do not match.

Ms. Burns: Are there any other public comments at this time? I see no other raised hands.

**FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Approval of Minutes of the March 13, 2020 Meeting**

Ms. Burns: Next is the approval of the minutes from the March 13, 2020 joint Board of Supervisors meeting. Does anyone have any questions, comments or corrections? If not, we need a motion from the Lake Ashton CDD Board to approve.

On MOTION by Mr. Krumrie seconded by Mr. Plummer with all in favor the Minutes from the March 13, 2020 Meeting was approved as presented by the Lake Ashton CDD Board.

Ms. Burns: We need a motion from the Lake Ashton II CDD Board as well.

On MOTION by Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Mecsecs with all in favor the Minutes from the March 13, 2020 Meeting was approved as presented by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Unfinished Business**

There being none, the next item followed.

**SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion Regarding Golf Course Policies and Joint Amenity Policies (requested by Supervisor Zelazny)**

Ms. Burns: This was requested by Bob at the last Lake Ashton II meeting. We have a couple of items under this umbrella. Since it was Bob's request, I will turn it over to him.

Mr. Zelazny: First and foremost, I would like to remind everyone that there are policies in place addressing the use of the cart paths, bridges and ponds and golf course property. They apply to all residents in Lake Ashton regardless of whether they reside in Lake Wales or Winter Haven. These policies were presented to the East Board at two meetings where input was requested. One deals with golf course registration. The fact that a recently departed member of the East Board repeatedly visited our dog parks, instructing people they did not have to comply, has not made implementation any easier. Nor has the fact that it has not gone unnoticed that the Chairman of the East Board has yet to comply, despite his favorable comments at Board Meetings on the value of registering his cart. Golf cart registration was put into place primarily, to readily identify those using the golf course and as a means to ensure everyone using the paths and bridges understands the risk and the proper way for golfers and non-golfers to coexist when sharing these amenities. However, in earlier discussions, it was pointed out that there are safety and security issues that can also be addressed at the same time. There is the issue of abandoned carts left throughout the community. There was the incident where a resident suffering from Alzheimers, abandoned his cart, walked around the community and had to be found. There was also the fisherman who routinely goes out early and stays out late, well past the time that golfers are present. We already had one golfer attacked by an alligator and we've seen routinely where alligators follow fish up to the beach. These are all safety issues. Lastly, we were able to contact residents whose grandchildren were operating carts in an unsafe and reckless manner. Not to ticket them or anything, just to remind them to be safe. There seems to be a great deal of interest in how this will be enforced. We will get to that soon, but first let me ask why that should concern anyone that plans on complying with the policy. It's as if they want to know if it's worth the consequences on not obeying the rules. We are seeing that being the case regarding pet owners not picking up after their pets, people driving onto residential lawns, not stopping at stop signs or obeying the speed limit. We as a community need to start complying with the rules and not fighting the policies put into place by the HOA, ARC or CDDs. Every resident should want their neighbors to comply. For those who are weighing the options of non-compliance, let me just say that enforcement will be handled in accordance with the written Golf Course Policies and the Joint Amenity Policies. When

found in violation, you will be asked to leave the area. Failure to do so or being in violation the second or third time will trigger actions spelled out in the Joint Amenity Policies. Ultimately, you can be banned from any or all facilities in Lake Ashton for up to a year. One would hope it would not be necessary, but given the negative blowback from some residents, it might come to that. I continue to ask myself why there is an immediate response from some residents, when there did not seem to be a blowback when they were required to get an ID card to use the facility, or why now after 10 years you suddenly have a problem with a waiver and indemnification, since the Joint Amenity Policies were approved last year and the East Policies ten or so years ago. All four of these policies underwent numerous changes from their original language as a result of resident input. After today, I would assume that we are going to make some other changes based on Mr. Holden's request and some comments from other Board Members. What I would like to ask is whatever the ultimate result is in the final wording of these policies, the East would support the West in implementing these policies uniformly throughout the community.

Mr. Mecsecs: I would like to add something, Bob. I have my statement. I normally don't address comments made by our counterparts on the Lake Ashton Board, but after comments were made at their meeting this week, I'm compelled to say something. During that meeting, a Supervisor fueled misconduct by one of our volunteer marshals who just so happens to be one of our newest Board Members who was elected unopposed. I was out there myself as well as some other folks and did not witness any misconduct. In fact, I saw interactions of a positive nature. There were, however, groups out there who presented an adversarial stance fueled on by a former Supervisor of your Board, who essentially told people that they did not have to register or adhere to the policies that your Board deferred to at an earlier joint meeting. My intentions today are not to discuss what occurred between some residents and our marshal, except to say that there are two sides to every story. For a Supervisor to make a statement like that as a fact in our current public record, I find it irresponsible and counterproductive to our two Boards working together in the future. In the past, our Boards generally refrained from commenting on other operations. I attribute this transgression to an experience and the negative impact that former member had on our Boards. Simply put, if a Supervisor asks a question, they can discuss it with their counterparts rather than making unsubstantiated capricious

remarks at a meeting. There are two of them looking at me right now; Mr. Costello and Mr. Plummer, where we had a lot of discussions. While we don't always agree, we work them out. So, I encourage all of the Supervisors to do that, especially the new folks coming onto the Board. It's also inappropriate for a Board member to question the other Board's operations or training. That quite simply is within the purview of the individual Board. I don't want to belabor this, but I cannot express the disappointment I have in this case. It's my feeling that an apology is appropriate acknowledging that those comments are not fully verified and inappropriate for public meetings and enter into the joint meeting as well, a correction at the next CDD 1 meeting. I think you all know my desire and track record for our people to work together in a cordial relationship, to make the Lake Ashton community the great place it truly is. I also look forward to working with the new members to establish a more collegial and less adversarial environment. Let this serve as a learning experience for everyone to set the record straight and get on with the business at hand. Thank you.

Mr. Robertson: That one sentence that Mike was referring to, already exists in our Joint Amenity Policies, so I don't see any reason why we shouldn't include it in our waiver. It wasn't excluded on purpose. It was just left out by an oversight.

Mr. Zelazny: I forwarded it to Sarah and she might have some comments on that.

Ms. Sandy: I spoke to Jim and Bob. I think it's up to Board to add it to the Golf Course Policies. Certainly, we included it in the Joint Amenity Policies and I don't have an issue adding it to the Golf Policy if the Board desires to do that.

On MOTION by Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Zelazny with all in favor the changes to the Golf Course Policies and Joint Amenity Policies based on Mr. Holden's request and comments from other Board Members and supporting the implementation of these policies uniformly throughout the community was approved by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board.

Mr. Robertson: I would like to apologize. That was an oversight on our part. We weren't trying to divert from our General Amenity Policy. That was not our intention at all. Our intention has always been to have a safe golf course operation. We are a relatively unique community because most communities don't allow non-golfers to be on golf

course property. So, we have a higher risk environment with two kinds of people using that amenity. We are simply trying to educate golfers and non-golfers how to interact with each other safely. The whole point of this entire process is to help people integrate and operate safely.

Mr. Zelazny: As the guy that had that oversight, my mea culpa. I agree with Doug. Let's get this started with this so everybody can sign it. I have Mr. Costello's statement. Let's get the train back on the track.

Mr. Costello: Just to make sure that I totally understand and I believe I do; the policy will be the same in the Joint Amenity Policies as well as in the registration. Is that correct or are we just going to include the registration and the joint amenities and you don't even need the policy again, since its already there.

Ms. Burns: If you don't mind me jumping in and going over a couple of options, which Sarah, Jan and I discussed, the policies were adopted by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board. They have the ability to enforce those over the cart paths, ponds, golf course and tracts within the community. That is what was put in place and adopted by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board. In order to have enforceability or to suspend amenity rights, we need to hold a public hearing to adopt them as a formal policy of the Board that has suspension and termination rights included. We have two options. We can hold a joint public hearing to add them to the Joint Amenity Policies, so there is one document that has rules for all amenities within the community, if there is agreement from the Lake Ashton Board to include those in the Joint Amenity Policies. Lake Ashton II has the ability to adopt that rule and enforce it for the golf course tracts per the lease. So, I think we would be asking for those to be added to the Joint Amenity Policies. The policy that they set and adopted under the provision that the amenities are under the control of each District, could be amended by that Board alone. So that's the first option. If there is not a desire to include these in the Joint Amenity Policies, Lake Ashton will hold a public hearing remotely and it would just be a separate document. So those are the two options from discussions with Board Members on both sides. There was some desire to have all policies regarding amenities in the community included in the Joint Amenity Policies, so that Christine and Mary would have residents provide one document to people and say, "Here are all of the policies within the community that you need to be aware of." So, I think

that is ultimately the goal of setting the public hearing jointly and including the policy that's already been adopted by the Lake Ashton II Board into the Joint Amenity Policies, so it would have enforcement rights. Sarah and Jan, feel free to join in as well.

Mr. Plummer: If I understand you right, if we are going to include it in the Joint Amenity Policies, we need to have a public hearing. Do we need a motion to do that?

Ms. Burns: Yes, under the next item.

**A. Consideration of Resolution 2020-14 Designation a Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Revised Joint Amenity Policies**

Ms. Burns: We can set it for our next joint meeting and advertise and hold the public hearing. Then you would adopt them as part of the Joint Amenity Policies.

On MOTION by Mr. Plummer seconded by Mr. Costello with all in favor Resolution #2020-14 Designating November 16, 2020 as the joint meeting date to hold the public hearing was adopted by the Lake Ashton CDD Board.

Ms. Burns: And for the Lake Ashton II CDD?

On MOTION by Mr. Mecsics seconded by Mr. Zelazny with all in favor Resolution #2020-14 Designating November 16, 2020 as the joint meeting date to hold the public hearing was adopted by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board.

Ms. Burns: For the November joint meeting, we will include two separate resolutions for each District and send those out for approval.

Mr. Robertson: I would like to address Bob's comment earlier. The reason that we have a sign up for the golf course is because we are integrating two activities and it was supposedly consistent with our existing Amenity Policy, but it's an education process to get people to understand how to interact between golfers and non-golfers, when to use the golf cart paths and what direction. The best way to do that was to get everybody to sign up and to give them a written copy of what we are doing, so there is no nefarious effort here. It's all about communication and safety for the residents. That's why we

decided to do it that way, which is to communicate to make them understand what the risks were, now that we own the golf course.

Mr. Krumrie: We fully understand what you are doing and appreciate the fact that you have a responsibility to the citizens of this community to make sure they act in a safe manner for everybody's enjoyment. The only goal is having people on the golf course, more or less. I was told, "I should be ashamed because I didn't get a sticker yet." I'm sorry, but I've been busy.

Mr. Robertson: That's okay. The issue is, you want to get everybody to voluntarily comply. You will have certain outliers in any community that will say, "No, I'm just going to do what I damn well please." We don't know who those people are, but in the process you say, "Excuse me, I notice that you are on the golf course and you are driving off the cart path because there is water on the cart path and you are driving into the grass and leaving huge ruts, damaging the property. Why are you doing that? By the way, you don't have a sticker." So, the answer could be, "Gee, I'm sorry I didn't know. Thank you, let's fix it." The other guy could say, "No, I'll do whatever I damn well please." That's when you say to that individual that is woefully trying to not cooperate, "Okay, we are now going to escalate you to another level." To everybody else you say, "Thanks very much, have a nice day."

Mr. Krumrie: Jim will back me up on this, I called him the other night due to the fact that when I was riding around on the golf course, there were people fishing. The whole day it was 'Cart Path Only' and they were riding across the golf course. They are going to cause damage that's going to cost you a lot of money to repair.

Mr. Robertson: Exactly. That's why we want to notify these people on days when the golf course is just too wet that they have to stay off of the golf course. It's something that a lot of people, if they don't golf, don't realize that it's 'Cart Path Only' for the day. So, we are going to have to do something to protect your property. Our daily blast that we put out from the golf course, is for the golf course only, but notifying of things like 'Cart Path Only' should be distributed in a blast to the entire community rather than just the golfers. I think Bob or Brian can take care of that.

Mr. Krumrie: What I'm saying is that we have a need to let people know when the golf course is too wet. We don't want to cause you any more aggravation than trying to run it on a daily basis.

Mr. Robertson: So, we should broaden our blast to the entire community when it has to do with cart path issues, as opposed to just golfers.

Mr. Krumrie: I agree.

Mr. Robertson: We want to do it politely and have people understand that in most cases it's just an education issue.

Mr. Krumrie: One of the things I don't think people realize is how much these golf carts weigh and the damage they do when they drive across a wet course. Like I said, the end result is you are going to have to repair whatever damage they do. That's simply not fair to you.

Mr. Plummer: When I played golf on Wednesday, it was 'Cart Path Only' and an individual was driving around the golf course playing golf with the men's group. I assume that he had a handicap sticker or flag or something to that effect. Just the same, he is causing damage. Are we going to allow people to drive on the golf course?

Mr. Krumrie: The problem right now is these courses are just saturated.

Mr. Robertson: I agree.

Mr. Krumrie: We have nine holes right now that we can't even use, because we had so much water. Like I said, it's very easy to damage the golf course with these carts.

Mr. Robertson: Having a handicap sticker does not preclude them from following the rule of 'Cart Path Only'.

Mr. Plummer: Exactly, but they were out there, Doug.

Mr. Robertson: That's part of what we want to do. We want to identify those people and educate them on what they are not allowed to do. I agree with you. They shouldn't be doing it.

Mr. Krumrie: I wouldn't expect you to confront them in any way. Get the sticker number and call Ron and he will address it.

Mr. Robertson: We've been having issues with people with handicapped stickers getting too close to the greens. We are trying to address that with people by saying, "Hey, you have a handicapped sticker. We are trying to accommodate you, but you can't abuse

it.” Now that everyone has a sticker, we can enforce it, but we are in an education process right now. It’s our new responsibility and we are trying to educate people in a friendly way as opposed to making people resent what we are doing.

Mr. Krumrie: That’s my point. Can we jump to “C” and take care of that item?

Mr. Robertson: Sure.

Mr. Krumrie: If you want to implement the policy in a certain way, we have no problem with that on the CDD I side. What we have an issue with, is the lack of communication. We would’ve like to have seen something come to the CDD I Supervisors, as well as the entire community, telling us what you are going to do, when you are going to do it and how you are going to do it. It’s as simple as that, but we have not seen anything. We know when you are going to start it, but that’s all.

Mr. Zelazny: Harry, we sent an e-blast for early sign up and another e-blast when it was implemented that said, “We are giving you a ten-day grace period in order to do it.”

Mr. Krumrie: A ten-day grace period to register?

Mr. Zelazny: Yes, before we start implementing the policy.

Mr. Krumrie: Right.

Mr. Zelazny: During that time, we were going around giving friendly reminders asking people to please register. The policies have been out for a long time.

Mr. Krumrie: Okay.

Mr. Zelazny: You commented the other day about the lady with a marshal sign in her golf cart.

Mr. Krumrie: Right.

Mr. Zelazny: I would’ve said, if the lady didn’t know, “What’s that?” I would think the person next to her would say, “That’s obviously a course marshal.” You asked for marshals to be out there, but we haven’t told you when we are doing it. You are more concerned about the implementation and punishment to comply with the directive.

Mr. Krumrie: People are worried about the progressive discipline. They are wondering how you are going to serve.

Mr. Zelazny: I don’t know what more we can do other than telling them it’s in the Amenities Policy.

Mr. Krumrie: Okay. I talked to Bob about that.

Mr. Robertson: Here's the issue. In the past, we had certain individuals who have been very uncooperative and both Boards sent out letters from the lawyer saying, "You violated our policy." You get a warning. That whole procedure has already been in place and we haven't changed it. The kind of policy we are trying to follow, is the same policy we always had. There is no new discipline process at all. It's like I was saying. You try to communicate with people. Give them a friendly reminder. It's just a conversation. I walk in the morning and some people know. One lady was going in the wrong direction and another young person drove by in her golf cart and said, "You are going the wrong way," and just sort of barked at her and left. I said, "Excuse me, the reason we want you to walk in this direction is for your safety so you can see what's around you." She said, "Oh, I didn't know that. Thank you very much," and the problem was resolved. There was no escalation. It's a matter of communication. The escalation only comes when we have people saying, "I refuse to comply and I refuse to be safe." Those are the ones that we wanted to say, "I know your cart number and I'm going to send you a warning." When someone was belligerent in your Clubhouse, we had to send letters and they said, "I'll do whatever I damn please." Then the police came and gave them a little piece of paper that said, "Thou shalt not do it," and guess what happened? He said, "I'm leaving." It's only the outliers that are obviously trying to cause trouble, because we are only interested in the safety of the community.

Mr. Krumrie: Correct. I agree.

Mr. Mecsecs: It's going to be part of the Amenities Policy, which is pretty easy to follow. It just becomes an educational process to educate the folks that want to do that. Like Bob and you have both said, "A certain number are going to just ignore the situation anyway. We just have to try to communicate and educate them on exactly where we are going and what's going to happen here.

Mr. Krumrie: Exactly. That's my point.

Mr. Robertson: Right.

Mr. Krumrie: You guys have done a good job up to this point and I think if you continue, compliance will be forthcoming. It may take a little time, but it's coming along.

Mr. Robertson: We have 800 carts. We have more non-golfers registered than golfers. A lot of people are understanding and want to be safe. Only a few outliers like to stir the pot. We will deal with them on an individual basis as we go forward.

**B. Discussion Regarding Expanding Golf Cart Registration to Entire Community**

**C. Discussion Regarding Enforcement of Golf Cart Registration Policy**

Ms. Burns: The other item I had was the discussion on expanding the registration to the entire community. It was adopted by Lake Ashton II for the golf course tract. There was a request to add this item to the agenda to see if there was any desire to expand to other amenities requiring a registration.

Mr. Krumrie: I would like to see us get through this one first.

Mr. Zelazny: We are getting ready to put it in the Joint Amenity Policies. We continue to change it. Then golf carts need to be registered to use any amenity in Lake Ashton that is owned, operated or leased by CDD II.

Ms. Burns: I want to be clear because there are two separate issues. The Lake Ashton II CDD Board has the ability to institute this policy. Under this, it is inserted as written for the golf course tract that was already included in the Joint Amenity Policies. Lake Ashton has the ability to revise the policy for the golf course tract without the approval of Lake Ashton because it's an amenity that they control. If there's a desire to expand the requirement to register community-wide, if you are going to require a golf cart to be registered to use the HFC or Clubhouse, that is a decision that will be made by both Boards. The Lake Ashton II CDD Board doesn't have the ability to unilaterally implement that as they do for the golf course tract. So, I just want to make sure that's clear as well.

Mr. Zelazny: That's what I just mentioned. If we are going to do that, we should do it at the joint meeting, so the policy can be finalized and we are not kicking the can down the road, doing one in November and another one in March. If we approve it at the joint meeting in November, I would ask that the East Board establish their position so we can move on.

Mr. Costello: Quite frankly, I think expanding it to include the entire community is a wise move for a couple of reasons. Obviously identifying the carts are an important

issue; especially if we go with the safety issue that Bob was talking earlier about. We have folks that use things that are not on the golf course itself, but they drive their carts to do other things and then they are abandoned or we have a situation where we have a medical emergency and we don't know who we are dealing with. There are a variety of reasons for that. In fact, for safety purposes, I'm in favor of having the entire community register golf carts for use inside Lake Ashton. Does that need to be in a motion?

Mr. Robertson: I don't think so because we need to have a public hearing to change the policy. We can talk about what people want to do. What we first started to do was to try to incorporate the golf course and the carts and bridges. That was the first step. Now you are suggesting we should do it for everything, which was a reasonable request. We started with cart paths and bridges to deal with golf course safety. If we want to expand it to the entire community, we are perfectly free to do that, but we have to do it through a public hearing. However, we can all make the statement, "We are in favor of doing that and we intend to bring that up at a public meeting."

Mr. Williams: Just so I am clear, when we say extend it to the entire community, we are saying that anybody using their golf cart to go the Clubhouse, HFC, tennis courts and pickleball courts, must use a registered golf cart.

Mr. Robertson: Correct.

Mr. Costello: I would include the streets.

Mr. Robertson: It can't include the streets, legally.

Mr. Zelazny: It's a public road, but its owned by Lake Ashton. We own those roads.

Mr. Williams: Right.

Mr. Costello: You must have a license plate on your automobile to operate on those roads.

Mr. Robertson: I think that's a legal issue.

Ms. Sandy: The roads are a separate issue from the rest of the amenities.

Mr. Williams: Just so we are clear, we are talking about pickleball courts, tennis courts, dog parks, etc. If you are there without a sticker, you are going to be asked to leave.

Mr. Zelazny: That is correct, because that address is the other safety issue associated with registering your golf cart.

Mr. Williams: I'm certainly in favor of that.

Mr. Robertson: It's not much different than having a picture ID that we asked everybody to have to identify who they are from a safety and control point of view.

Mr. Zelazny: The concern these people have, is if you follow Lake Ashton about giving up rights, they didn't give up ten years ago when Lake Ashton's Amenity Policy was written and has been reinforced over and over and voted on two years ago with the Joint Amenity Policies. You are taking more rights away.

Mr. Williams: I know we can't vote on this, but are there any Supervisors here that are opposed to doing this? I'm not hearing anybody say that they are opposed to doing that.

Mr. Mecsics: We will bring it up at the next joint meeting.

Ms. Burns: We have staff direction to include that provision in the policies we presented for approval. The way that the Joint Amenity Policies are broken up, there are specific policies for certain amenities and then there are broad policies that apply community-wide. So, we can insert the golf course policy that's specific to the golf course tracts and also include in the general policies, "In order to access the amenities within the community, you must have your golf cart registered." They have a section for that.

Mr. Mecsics: That would be a public hearing, right?

Ms. Burns: You would be voting on it at the public hearing in November.

Mr. Williams: If somebody chooses to use the golf course, they can't without a sticker.

Ms. Burns: Correct.

Mr. Zelazny: It covers the cart itself. You don't need a sticker on your forehead.

Mr. Robertson: Back to Bob's comment, if you park a car that is licensed on our property and you use a golf cart, it's identified on our property.

Mr. Zelazny: To piggyback on what Stan said, we have consensus amongst the two Boards that when this comes up, it should be addressed, unless there are changes and the District's merge. Joann will take that on as staff.

Ms. Burns: Yes. They will come up with the language when revising this.

Mr. Robertson: It is our intention that it will be presented at a public hearing.

Mr. Zelazny: That's exactly right.

- **Consideration of Resolution 2020-14 Designation a Date, Time and Place for a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Revised Joint Amenity Policies (Item 6A)**

Ms. Burns: We would like to discuss changing the next joint meeting date. The current date is November 16<sup>th</sup>. That is one day before the new Board Members are seated. The Lake Ashton CDD Board moved it to November 19<sup>th</sup>. So, do we want to move the joint meeting to November 19<sup>th</sup> or do we want to hold the joint meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Williams: I think we should keep it the same date or move it closer, because these two Boards must agree. You would have to have the entire discussion again with a whole new Board.

Mr. Zelazny: Couldn't we have the joint meeting either in conjunction with our October meeting or the September meeting that the East holds?

Ms. Burns: Timing-wise it would have to be in October because of advertising deadlines. The Lake Ashton CDD October date is Monday, October 19. Their meeting is at 10:30 a.m. and we can have the joint meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Williams: I agree for our side.

Ms. Burns: If you don't mind, I would like to rephrase the motion. We set the public hearing for the November meeting, so if you want to change it to October, you can make a motion to amend Resolution 2020-14 to change the public hearing to October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

On MOTION by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Mecsics with all in favor amending Resolution #2020-14 Designating the joint meeting date to hold the public hearing on October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse, if held in person, or via Zoom Teleconference if the Executive Order for virtual meetings is extended, by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board was approved.

Ms. Burns: Is there a similar motion for Lake Ashton?

Mr. Plummer MOVED to amend Resolution #2020-14 Designating the joint meeting date to hold the public hearing

on October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse, if held in person, or via Zoom Teleconference if the Executive Order for virtual meetings is extended, by the Lake Ashton CDD Board.

Mr. Ference: You're right, Stan, we have gone through it already. Hopefully the new members attend these meetings so they know what's going on and can decide whether they want to move forward with this or not. We are down to four members, due to fact that one member moved out. I would rather see it held on November 16<sup>th</sup>, as agreed upon at our meeting.

Mr. Williams: You can certainly do that amongst your Board. A motion was made and you are going to make that decision. My take on that would be, if the new Board doesn't like what we have done, they can discuss the options of how to change it and make that change at their meetings. Right now, we have consensus to move forward. If you don't know if they would change it or not or if they are listening now and they like it, then there is not going to be any issue going forward. If they don't like it, they can bring it back up at their Board meeting. I think we should move forward with this and get it done. It has been over a year. Let's get it done.

Ms. Burns: Harry, did you want to say something?

Mr. Krumrie: What I'm hearing or at least what I thought I heard is that we would vote at the October meeting?

Ms. Burns: I think that's what we are deciding, but yes.

Mr. Krumrie: So, we would vote on including all golf carts in the registration process.

Ms. Burns: Correct.

Mr. Krumrie: Then we hold the public hearing.

Ms. Burns: For the proposed rule at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Krumrie: So, we would get public input at the public hearing?

Ms. Burns: Yes.

Mr. Krumrie: We already voted on the issue.

On MOTION by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Robertson, with all in favor, amending Resolution #2020-14 Designating

the joint meeting date to hold the public hearing on October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse, if held in person, or via Zoom Teleconference if the Executive Order for virtual meetings is extended, by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board was approved.

Ms. Burns: And for Lake Ashton CDD?

On MOTION by Mr. Plummer, seconded by Mr. Krumrie, with all in favor, amending Resolution #2020-14 Designating the joint meeting date to hold the public hearing on October 19, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse, if held in person, or via Zoom Teleconference if the Executive Order for virtual meetings is extended, by the Lake Ashton CDD Board was approved.

Ms. Burns: That gets us through the agenda items that we have listed, setting the public hearing jointly for October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Lake Ashton meeting.

#### **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Supervisor Requests and General Public Comments**

Ms. Burns: That brings us to Supervisors Requests. Does anyone have anything else before we turn it over to general public comments? Hearing none, we will open it up for public comments. Does anyone have any comments for the Boards? If you are on the Zoom phone line, you can find the raised hand feature by hitting \*9. Our first comment is from Steve Realmuto.

Resident (Steve Realmuto, Lake Wales): Two quick things that I wanted to comment on. One is a few of the CDD II Supervisors, I believe Supervisor Mecsics, made the comment that requiring the golf cart registrations was no different than requiring the ID cards. I was there when the ID cards were discussed and approved. One of the key points to many residents, was the fact that the ID was not actually required. Anyplace, "Lake Ashton ID was required," a Driver's License with an address in Lake Ashton would also be accepted. Therefore, it is incorrect to say that Lake Ashton ID cards are required. That's a minor point, but it made a difference to some folks and made it a non-controversial issue when the CDD I Board voted to approve and implement the ID cards.

Finally, I feel like Supervisor Krumrie was unfairly attacked for his comments at the CDD meeting. I don't feel there is anything wrong with a Supervisor bringing residents' concerns to the attention of the Board, and that is exactly what he did. It was entirely appropriate and quite frankly, Jim, I feel strongly that it was wrong for the CDD Board to criticize him for doing his job, essentially as a Supervisor, and he is owed an apology for that. Thanks for listening.

Ms. Burns: Are there any other public comments? Go ahead Debbie.

Resident (Debbie): I am actually trying to put my words and thoughts together, because I find that this entire process that you are all trying to rush through, very concerning. Eight hundred people have registered or 800 carts. That is approximately half of the community, and yet it appears that you are negating how a significant number of residents feel. Our residents pay their assessments to be able to partake in the amenities. Whether they choose to register their golf carts or not, I feel like you are pushing things. I hear that this has taken a year. So what? I don't believe and I don't like hearing things. Our residents should be able to blast the Board, sort of speak, if that's what they choose to do at a meeting. Now that meetings are not even being held in person, even though we have the capability of allowing at least 50 residents in the Clubhouse, to see the Zoom meetings, I think you guys need to rethink this. Thank you.

Ms. Burns: We have one more.

Resident (Jack Mancicule): I have some concerns on what I heard about the registering of golf carts across the entire community. I'm not saying that I'm against it, but there are some things that I don't think have been looked at or have not been spoken about. I was the Mayor of Lake Wales when the City of Lake Wales authorized Lake Ashton streets to be golf cart friendly. Lake Wales follows the State Statute whereas Winter Haven does not. Winter Haven has a stricter Statute. In Winter Haven, your street has to be identified in the Statute to be authorized to drive a golf cart on it. Secondly, anyone 14 years and older in Lake Wales without a license can drive. If you are in Winter Haven, it has to be a 16 year or older person. As far as I know, the Winter Haven side has not gotten authority from Winter Haven to drive golf carts on their streets. I don't know whether that's false or true, that's why I'm bringing it up here. Technically, anyone driving a golf cart in Winter Haven is in violation of their law and they could get ticketed. Are we

ready to make sure that we are going to do it for the betterment of the community or are we just trying to push this through because there's consensus from the Boards? I think it needs to be looked at and I think the Lake Ashton CDD needs to bring this up and get an opinion from the community, because they can't blatantly agree to it. Thank you.

Ms. Burns: Are there any other public comments at this time? No other hands are raised, so unless anybody has anything else that they would like to add, we would be looking for a motion to adjourn from both Districts.

Mr. Robertson: I will just add one thing. I agree that either having a Driver's License or picture ID would suffice, which meant that the community agreed that we should be able to identify people using our facilities. So, if someone were to say, "I don't want to have a golf cart registration, but I want to take a photocopy of my driver's license on my golf cart," that would also identify who they are. I don't think we need to go in that direction. I don't think someone wants their Driver's License identified that way, but the whole point was, you identify yourself in one way or another. That's what we are asking, for golf carts to be identified, quite simply. That's my comment.

Mr. Costello: One other thing before we adjourn. I addressed the problem that you are having with people driving on the golf course at times. I personally think that we should have both of our security forces tell people when its "Cart Path Only." So, if they see somebody out there, they can tell them to get the cart off of the course. These courses are far too wet to be driving these heavy golf carts on them. Like I said, they are going to do damage.

Mr. Robertson: Jim has the ability to do that on our side.

Mr. Costello: Bob Plummer has the authority to do it on our side. Personally, I recommend that the two of them talk to the security people. Quite honestly, we pay the security people, but like Doug said, you don't have to be nasty about it. Just tell them, "You are going to damage the course, so please get off of it."

Mr. Krumrie: Why don't we just black off Holes 1 through 9 and let anybody on there?

Mr. Costello: We could use it as a marina, the way it's going.

Mr. Krumrie: Put up a construction barrier at the entrance to Hole 1. Nobody needs to drive on Holes 1 through 9.

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Mr. Costello: Harry, its going on other holes also for both East and West. On Hole 11 on the West, you don't want to think about taking a cart out there. There is no drainage whatsoever. All I'm saying is if it is, "Cart Path Only," stay off of the course.

**EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Adjournment**



There not being any further business to discuss,

On MOTION by Mr. Williams seconded by Ms. Wright with all in favor the meeting was adjourned by the Lake Ashton II CDD Board.

On MOTION by Mr. Plummer seconded by Mr. Costello with all in favor the meeting was adjourned by the Lake Ashton CDD Board.

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