

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF LEHIGH ACRES
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING
VETERANS PARK
JULY 21, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 6.30 PM by President Damon.
2. The Invocation was pronounced by Mike Porzio.
3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
4. Members in attendance included: Don Adams, Rick Anglickis, Tami Baker, Willard Baker, Diane Champion, Mike Cook, Carlo C. Lane, Beth Love, Karen Makowski, Bill Martin, Bill Sowers, Millie Sowers, George Szymanski and Edd Weiner. The absences of Larry Gutridge, Jose Morillo, Gary Warchol and Mohamed Yassin were excused. Visitors were: Mike Anderson, Ralph Hemmingway, Henry Forschino, Pam Kaye, Ron and Angela Harps, Mr. Miller and Reporter Don Ruane.
5. The Agenda was approved after unanimous agreement that the Swearing in of New Members should follow the Secretary's Report.
6. Guest Speaker Bill Keeler was unavailable, but Rick Roberts, Code Enforcement Supervisor who was accompanied by Code Enforcement Officer Mike Anderson addressed the Council. Mr. Roberts provided an update of the department's activities in Lehigh. These involved ongoing street by street inspections, the addition of three more Inspectors, information regarding access to their web site and speedy responses to complaints. He also proposed and the Council readily endorsed a liaison relationship with Mr. Anderson. Damon made mention of the Department's recently issued monthly reports and commended its efforts. The reports were shown to members.
7. Approval and distribution of the Secretary's Reports for June 02 and 16, 2008 were deferred to August's General Meeting.
8. Upon Damon's suggestion, Messrs Anderson, Hemmingway and Forschino introduced themselves. Rick recommended and Carlo supported their membership on the Council. Members were in full agreement, and they were duly sworn by Willard.
9. Treasurer Carlo reported a balance of \$1,836.41, which donations of \$157.00, \$300.00, and \$400.00 respectively from Panther Bank, Kiwanis and Lehigh Acres Medical Center. Damon noted that some bills relating to Politics in the Park are yet to be paid. Bill Sowers motioned and Beth seconded its support without dissent.
10. The President did not present a report, but thanked members for their efforts in making "Politics in the Park" a remarkable success.
11. Committees' Reports:
 - A1. Code Enforcement: George gave a report on the success of his program in the Westminster Area and proposal for training. Damon asked that he be informed of the training dates, and encouraged members to be involved. Mention was also made about the Weed N Seed Program and Damon said that information is still

being awaited from Larry. It was agreed that a letter be sent in support of the Program.

A2. Election and Bylaws: Beth outlined how the Council's balloting should be handled. She also asked to see a signed copy of the recently revised Bylaws, which Damon promised to provide. In answer to Edd, Damon advised on the process for membership and asked Beth to provide a written report for discussion at the next meeting. In responding to Beth, Bill Sowers said that the web site still has some problems.

A3. Community Development: Mike Cook provided members with copies of reports regarding Building Permits for June 2008.

A4. Publicity: Bill Sowers said that he is giving synopses of meetings to The News Press, Star and Citizen for publication. Damon's thanks to Don Ruane were endorsed by Bill Sowers. Bill also thanked Gary for the supply of water.

B1. Roads and Transportation: Rick spoke on the proposed changes on road projects due to the switching of funds. A related resolution regarding Homestead Road was read by Edd, and with some amendments was adopted without dissent. The resolution will be forwarded to the County Commissioners. Edd noted that, he has already sent letters to members of the Lee County School Board.

B2. Council Sponsored Events: Karen sought the Council's willingness (without and financial obligation) to cosponsor with the Panther Bank, "sneakers to the needy". This was unanimously approved, following motions by Rick and Damon.

B3. Parks and Recreation: Damon advised that there were no complaints from the Parks personnel following Politics in the Park.

12. Unfinished Business:

A. Politics in the Park: Tami noted that there were 44 participating candidates, and about 185 other attendees. She said that she was complimented and some candidates would like the event to be repeated. She proposed a donation of \$50.00 from each candidate, since the Council's funds are almost depleted. Oliver noted that a specific donation seems to suggest the payment of a fee to conduct an activity on their behalf. Why not ask for donations, which would perhaps vary in amounts? Rick suggested that we change the flavor of the activity. Damon added that Tami's proposal was geared at a consensus to be worked out after a specific date is decided. Edd introduced a related motion and it was seconded by Karen, and agreed to by all. Edd stated, and members agreed that Tami be congratulated for a wonderful job. Damon promised to send a letter thanking the Boys Scout.

B. Committee Assignments: Damon said that a list was already in circulation and names are to be added. There is also a member contact list available.

13. New Business:

A. Citizens Concerns: Visitors were asked, but no comments were offered.

B. What's Next: This was deferred to the next meeting.

14. Board Members Comments: Millie referred to her previous appeal to the Council, and informed that Rose Oliverio had given a personal donation of \$1,600.00. She

added that events are being planned and would like to have the support of members.

Edd informed that the County Commissioners are in support of the recommended Building Design Standards. Also the WRT Report will soon be available and he is unaware of any changes. Damon said that he expects to have members' review and comments.

15. The adjournment took place at 8.30 PM.

O. DeWeever, Rec. Sec.