



**Neighborhood Advisory Committee  
Minutes for March 21, 2022  
Council Conference Room  
395 Magnolia Road  
Pinehurst, North Carolina  
3:00 PM**

**Village of Pinehurst Representatives Present:**

John C. Strickland, Mayor  
Lydia Boesch, Councilmember  
Kelly Chance, Village Clerk

Jeffrey M. Sanborn, Village Manager  
Patrick Pizzella, Mayor Pro Tem  
Dave White, Parks & Recreation Superintendent

**Committee Members Present:**

Bert Higgins – Doral Woods  
Larry Rotondo – Pinewild  
Lisa Bomkamp – St. Andrews  
Bill Keith – Village Acres

Tom Campbell – Monticello  
Lee Thomas – Clarendon Gardens  
Tony Elms – Donald Ross  
Barbara Reining - CCNC

Debbie Lalor – Downtown Residential Area  
Charles Collini – Old Town West  
Edward Balkovic – Pinehurst Trace

**1. Call to Order.**

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order.

**2. Review Minutes from February 21, 2022 Meeting.**

The committee reviewed the notes from the February 21, 2022 meeting.

**3. Parks & Recreation Updates.**

Dave White, Parks & Recreation Department Superintendent reported on the Pinehurst Activity Guide for January to May 2022. The next edition will be out in the end of April for the June-December 2022 events and activities. He stated the guide includes the staff directory for ease in reaching an appropriate person in the department. Mr. White stated the West Pinehurst Community Park plan was adopted and they are now working on the Comprehensive Parks & Recreation Master Plan update. He stated unfortunately the St. Patrick's Day parade had to be scheduled due to weather and as we are now coming out of the lock-down of Covid 19 we are looking forward to the upcoming Live after 5 and matinee races at the Fairbarn.

Mayor Strickland stated he has been invited to the mayor's race at an upcoming matinee where he will be accompanying a skilled rider. Mr. White stated we are excited to see some great riders coming and we have some great trainers. He stated at the Fair Barn and Harness Track both host many events throughout the year. He reported the Community Center is home to youth and adult athletics and it is kicking off in the Spring with youth baseball. Mr. White stated we host tennis camps, baseball camps, soccer, and basketball camps.

Mr. White reported the Village has many greenway trails that offer miles of walking and the activity guide he handed out has a map of these trails. He stated we currently host over 180 different activities, and now included are line and step dancing, along with painting classes, tai chi, and community gardens. Mr. White suggested that if anyone has an interest in something that is not included currently in our offerings to reach out to staff and let them know.

Mr. White stated they recently took a group to downtown Apex to a metal stamping activity that was very successful, with those participating having the opportunity to have their name stamped in a piece of metal. He stated any trips that are within an hour are sought and the Village rents vehicles to ensure we have room to take as many as possible. He noted we have special needs programs and wheelchair sports. Tom Campbell asked if the gym has helped take the pressure off some of the elementary school's overflow. Mr. White stated we

just finished up our basketball league, which was about 420 youth, the largest they have had yet. He noted our numbers are about 70% residents and 30% out of area participants. He stated our schedule is full now with the same number of practice time as offered at Pinehurst Elementary. He stated that with a curtain divider we are able to run four teams at a time for elementary students. He noted for the older students we open up to half and whole court for the older students.

Ed Balkovick asked if we are closer to operating at a normal level as we are coming out of covid. Mr. White said we are, but we are still trying to be sure to clean and sanitize our indoor facilities and stay safe. He noted our outside sports are up and running. He asked if we have any golf offerings to which Mr. White stated we do partner up with area organizations to do youth lessons....

Tony Elms asks how we piggyback with southern pines and Aberdeen to which he stated we do partner with both. We do the Senior Pines activities, age 50 and up, which he stated is coming up in the month of April. He stated we are hosting shuffleboard and bocce, whereas they may offer horseshoes. He stated we partner at times with adult basketball leagues and our new wheel-serve tennis program. We work together to fill needs where each community has a shortfall. Mr. Elms asks if any of those partnerships show up in the activity guide, but Dave said because the numbers fluctuate, they are not typically covered. He noted that the wheelchair sports do show the collaboration with Southern Pines for instance.

Debbie Lalor asked about the update on soccer fields and getting them back in shape. Mr. White stated we will install some new irrigation and new lighting to the fields once the school completes their regrading and resodding with hopes of reopening by summer. Mayor Strickland noted this is the site where the temporary buildings were located while the new school was being built. He noted Village Council is also currently evaluating some of the fields we run for use of artificial turf.

Mayor Strickland asked if these brochures are available here at Village Hall only. Mr. White stated we do mail these out as an insert in the Pilot, offer a digital copy online, place them in the Post Offices, the Village Hall, Welcome Center, and Community Center. He noted there are also some smaller trail maps here and the other places as well.

Mayor Strickland asked which sports we offer equipment for. Mr. White stated during business hours we offer tennis rackets, pickle ball, shuffleboard, bocce ball, and horseshoes. You can check them out for a few days and return them when you are done – all free of charge.

Tony Elms asks if the courts are first-come/first-serve or reserved. Mr. White stated at the community center it is first-come/first serve unless a rental is in place.

Jeff Heintz asks where the information for reservations is shown. He noted that it will show unavailable online, but it is best to give a quick call to double check. The business hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 p.m., which is when the staff is in the office. Hours open varies by time of year.

Mayor Strickland asks how we prioritize registrations for residents vs. non-residents. Mr. White stated they offer an initial sign-up day for residents only before opening it up to the rest of the community and non-residents. He stated there is really no limitations on some activities like baseball so those are open to all.

#### **4. Other Business – Neighborhood Reports.**

- Mayor Strickland reported the Neighborhood Advisory Committee is looking for ways to help increase neighborhood concerns and to get better coverage for Pinehurst. He noted they started the NAC in 2008 and the town was approximately 10 or 11,000 and has grown largely since then. Mayor Strickland stated Village Management and Staff have been working on creating a more formal policy which will be posted and discussed at the Council meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. He noted this is a working plan that will be discussed and is not the final product. Mayor Strickland stated Council is trying to find ways to strengthen the NAC and he noted the draft policy is a good representation of what we feel is a good direction to go in as we work towards reaching this goal.
- Beverly Reynolds stated that in the Woodlands we used to have a block party, and we wanted to invite a Council representative to come to the block party. Mayor Strickland stated Council has attended those type of activities in the past and would be delighted to attend. He noted if you have specific issues bring those to NAC. Ms. Reynolds suggested others might want to have this same kind of meeting.

She asked about the community watch program and if it is active. Mr. Tony Elms stated he is the representative and there has been no activity in the past two years. He stated the police department has stated that they will assist if neighborhoods organize a community watch. Mr. Elms stated that the hope is in the future to have a more defined push towards community watch.

Mr. Reynolds stated her organization has a new short-term rental that has become a problem. She stated that the pictures were sent to Council and her organization has been working with the out-of-state owners to try and address these issues. She noted that she has all the information on this and is happy to work with Council on this. Mayor Strickland stated any of these issues should be continued to be reported to the police and myvop.

- Barbara Reining offered no report
- Claire Berggren offered no report
- Debbie Lalor reported traffic is overflowing again now since the Carolina Hotel is back open at full after covid. She asked since the Hotel resort is off are they still going to be built the parking downtown behind the Carolina Hotel stilling going to take place? Mayor Strickland stated they have redesigned the parking in and around the Carolina Hotel and there is currently some renovating going on which is taking up some of the spaces. He noted there is some other spots that will be entered through the rear of the hotel, called Barrett lot. He noted they are not required to complete these spots they have agreed to continue to do these.

Debbie stated she wants reassurance that the Village is not letting off the pressure of them, but Mayor Strickland clarified we are not able to pressure them into doing something that they are not required to do.

Patrick pizzella stated at a meeting he recently attended, they noted they do intend to continue with the parking.

Lydia stated she would like to see pictures of the area to share with the Resort.

Debbie Lalor shared information about a free noise monitor app that can be downloaded on your phone and stated she will get more pictures for Council.

- Bert Higgins stated that he gets Council meeting minutes and is on some lists that provides information but would like to see the Village develop a FAQ document to direct the community to common questions.
- Lee Thomas discussed nuisance issues for short-term rentals
- Pat Corso reported things are good in Cotswold
- Larry Rotonda reported all good in Pinewild
- Jeff Heintz – block party likes that idea. Encouraged about the comments to strengthen the NAC – excellent way to dialogue between the community and the Village
- Bill Keith – extending the greenway trail a quarter of a mile that they spoke about last meeting. Mayor stated Mark Wagner who works for Parks & Recreation – will we get him to update on this. He reported there was a fire in Village Acres – stated he found out about it this morning. He is asking about the fire and details. Mayor stated fire started in the backyard on the back porch. Fire and police arrived quickly and extinguished the fire. Family is appreciative of quick response and are living in temporary housing. Bill asked about 6 cars that are all licensed in front yard. Is there an ordinance that we can work on? The Mayor stated that as long as there is a license we cannot address that. I will reach out to the police about that and see if something can be done.
- Tony Elms– stated Donald ross is concerned about the changes proposed to the NAC and encouraged those who have not downloaded the draft for tomorrows night agenda to look at it.. He stated we need to look at it and have our boards address it and see if you have any issues with the NAC policy as it will be discussed tomorrow night. He stated Council will be interested in hearing your comments. Mayor Strickland stated any comments can be made at the end of the regular session during public comment section so as it is being addressed at the work session, you might want to wait until the next regular meeting to speak and offer comments.
- Ed Balkovich asked about the stormwater management plan – on Pinehurst Trace – will current issue come under stormwater management for an area that is flooding. He stated we are not certain if it is backed up, but the Village has put in a dry well – her property is flooding right back up to her house. Mayor Strickland stated this sounds like an immediate maintenance issue. Patrick Pizzella stated there is a meeting here on Wednesday about stormwater management and he encourages everyone to attend. Events for the Olmsted and Donald ross coming up? Kick off was a presentation by Didi petri – next event is an event with live after five which we are working on.

- Tom Campbell stated that he has spoken with Mark Wagner about the trail. He noted we are at the end of the year and are waiting on council to give us the budget for the upcoming year. This information will allow us to determine what trails and issues we can work on. He noted we only meet on about four times a year now and will discuss this when we get the two plans. He stated we are aware of the trail and will meet again next month. He further stated that at one point we had 22 neighborhoods and we now have 19 and yet this is the biggest crowd we have had with 12 people. Mayor stated the responsibilities of finding what neighborhoods we need to have representatives from and what the responsibilities of the representative will be. Patrick stated that citizen participation is very important, and he has attended this meeting since he became a councilmember. Mr. Campbell stated traffic is a safety issue where trails are concerned. He noted when he comes out of trails and sees the stop signs, he has noted that the first car goes through and then four cars follow right on behind them without stopping. He stated we also see more speeding than he thought he should see, and he is not sure how we can better address this. He noted a few years ago he saw a motorcycle policeman along 15-501 and number 7. He stated there were two police cars hidden that were giving tickets. He stated that if people see them giving tickets, they share that information. Mayor stated our jurisdiction does not extend very far on 15-501 and thus he has considered speaking with the other mayors to see if we can address these issues as a group.

**5. Next Meeting Date.**

The next NAC meeting will be held on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

**6. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:32 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kelly Chance,  
Village Clerk**

*Vision: The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community, which reflects our rich history and traditions.*

*Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.*

*Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement*

*Lydia, pat, john, Beverly Reynolds, barabara, Claire, Debbie, bert higgins, pat Corso-?, jeff Heintz, bill keith, tony elms, ed, tom campbell*