

The January 19, 2023, meeting of the Rainbow Lakes Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Dallas Seveland. Other committee members present were Crystal Ferguson, Paula Gawlik, Gary Levit, Allen McKay, George Shaver and Dan Wilshusen. Guests present were Matthew Leibfried, MSTU Project Manager and Lieutenant Joyner, MCSO. There were 127 people in attendance. The meeting was opened with invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman:

Votes for Chairman and Vice Chairman were counted: 7 votes for Dallas Seveland for Chairman, 1 vote for Paula Gawlik as Vice Chairman, 2 votes for Gary Levit as Vice Chairman, 1 vote for Allen McKay as Vice Chairman, 3 votes for Dan Wilshusen as Vice Chairman. Seveland stated that Ferguson job assignment will remain as Buildings and Grounds, Gawlik will remain Recreation, Levit will change to Roads, McKay will be Public Safety, Shaver will be Code Enforcement and Wilshusen will be the Levy County Representative.

Committees/Guests (4):

Lieutenant Joyner stated that there was 1 violent crime of battery. For non-violent crime, there was a grand theft of a four-wheeler, one residential burglary, and one petty theft of commercial diesel fuel, which is state wide in six different Counties. There have been 11 traffic stops, 14 sex offender checks, 2 missing/runaways, 14 – 911 hang-ups, and 5 false alarms. It is time for the rotation again. This will be his last meeting, Steve Osborne is coming back.

Carol Van – SW Peach Blossom – Asked when the Sheriff shows up for a sex offender, do they arrive in a marked or unmarked car. Also, are they in uniform or casual clothes. Joyner responded that they can show in either a marked or unmarked and some in uniform and some in a suit and tie.

Tim Kelly – Soundview Dr. – Asked if there is something being done about the speeding here in Rainbow Lakes Estates. Joyner responded that they are patrolling and have been out here twice already this month. The deputies have to rotate throughout the whole County.

Levit asked about the ATVS driving on the road. Joyner stated that they are not supposed to be driving on the road since it is an unregistered vehicle. Seveland asked how to allow golf carts. Leibfried stated that it would have to be ordinance of a slow speed vehicles that has the required safety requirements. It would also have to be a majority vote and it's a long process.

Agenda Item Public Comment (1):

Keith Kane- SE 126th Terr. – Rainbow Lakes Estates was placed into two different Counties that don't communicate very well with each other. Both Counties have followed the same zoning ordinance over the years. Levy County side has always been treated poorly compared to Marion County. If this new zoning ordinance goes through, I believe the Levy County portion of Rainbow Lakes should be annexed into Marion County. There are some restrictions in Marion County that are not in Levy County. Discussion followed.

Debra Coffey – SE 105th Ln. – Happy to see Mr. Wilshusen on the board representing Levy County. Lived here for 40 years and loved it because there were site-built homes only and paved roads. Do not want mobile homes. They will lower the property values.

Corrie Liveonois- 136th Terr. – Moved here six months ago because we liked the area and saw that Rainbow Lakes had good well-built homes with land. To hear that mobile homes might be allowed makes the decision to move here pointless.

Keith Deering – SE 135th Ct. – We already have a problem with squatters. Now we have a problem with mobile homes. They do not belong here and we do not want them here.

Tim Dibble – NW Holly Rd. — My family has been here since 1972. Trailers do not belong here. If you want to live in a trailer go to one of the other neighborhoods around here.

Victor Rochette – SW Evergreen – Definitely opposed to trailers. There are many economic reasons to oppose trailers. Like the construction businesses around here. Trailers would lower the work and income they would receive.

Donald Hughes – 132nd Ct. – Just started to build a home here in Rainbow Lakes Estates. Unsure about finishing building home because of the trailers. I bought here because trailers were not allowed. If trailers are allowed I will stop building and put a trailer in and go somewhere else.

Kathryn Entwistle – SW Edgewater – Moved here in 1997 because of the paved roads, block homes, and that it is rural. Do not want mobile homes.

Dan Blake – SW Hunter Hill Ave. – Stated that some beautiful homes being built hoping for the tax and value of the properties to go up. Scared that if mobile homes come in then it would bring in renters who won't take care of the properties.

Michael Beverly – SE 110th Pl. – Stated that they bought a property 2 years ago and just started to move in. Found out they wanted to allow trailers. The price of 4 trailers will cover the tax of 1 house.

Desiree Mills – Levy County Board of County Commissioners – Stated that she was sworn in in October. At the first meeting we had

someone begging to allow mobile homes. When our attorney did research they found that the zoning ordinance that prohibited mobile homes has expired. When it was brought to the Levy County Board of County Commissioners there was a strong presence. Wanted to say that I hear you and I appreciate what you all are saying. You have my vote. When these things are being discussed you need to come to the meetings. I am here to listen and I will try to be your voice about what you want. Plan to attend more meetings. Seveland asked if it is ordinance 96-3 that expired. Mills stated yes. Seveland stated that there is no expiration date on here. Could it be the interlocal agreement between the Counties that has expired? Mills replied that it was the interlocal agreement that had expired. Leibfried replied that the Marion County Zoning Law does not allow mobile homes in the Marion County side. Levy County is responsible for the Levy County side. This board can not change the law. They can make a recommendation. Mills stated that we have tried contacting Marion County multiple times. Mills asked if Leibfried could help with contact. Leibfried responded that he would. Leibfried stated that he will leave his email for any question Seveland may have to get the answer. Discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes (2A) April 21, 2022:

Motion made by Levit, seconded by Wilshusen to accept minutes November 17, 2022 (2A). Motion carried.

Committee Reports (3):

Consent (5): NONE

Old Business (6):

New Business/Board Items (7):

Book Club Proposal (7A) — Motion made by Levit, seconded by Wilshusen to approve the Book Club as a Rainbow Lakes Estates club. Motion carried.

Levy County Ordinance 2022-21 (7B) – Seveland stated years ago we made the mistake of having Rainbow Lakes Estates in two different Counties. It is frustrating that Marion County gets treated better than Levy County. There is a vision of one (1) District. This Board can recommend investigating annexation of the Levy County portion of Rainbow Lakes into Marion County so that the rules are the same throughout Rainbow Lakes Estates. Annexation is possible, unsure how it would be done with dual Counties. Leibfried stated it would be up to the Board of County Commissioners in both Counties. Discussion followed. Motion made by Ferguson, seconded by Wilshusen to pursue the investigation of annexation Levy County portion of RLE into Marion County and reinstate the expired covenants and restrictions in Rainbow Lakes Estates. Motion carried.

General Public Comment (8):

Tim Kelly – SW Soundview Dr. – Stated that the road is falling apart from the construction trucks.

Marian Rozelle – SE 126th Terr. – Asked if the zoning ordinance changed in any other part of Levy County. Mills replied no it has not. Rozelle stated in other words there is no precedence for it.

Lavonia Kace – Holly Rd. – Stated that they lived in Chiefland for years. Then they put two (2) RV Parks in the neighborhood and all they did was throw garbage on the roads. Before they were not allowed. Then they put them in without having the say of the people. We pay high taxes and get no say.

Michelle McCavera – Monaco Ct. – Asked if reinstating the ordinance would it affect anything other than the mobile homes. Seveland stated that it would only affect the Levy County portion of Rainbow Lakes Estates. Seveland responded that it would affect fences and some other things. McCavera asked if there is any way to change the number of chickens that are allowed. Leibfried responded that he can ask Zoning.

Ashley Jeffers – SW Obee Ridge Rd. – Stated that we can petition and respectfully voice our concerns in numbers than just our Chairman.

Gary Spear – 129th Ct. – Stated that is against mobile homes. But they are already living there. There is no place to stand on when they are already there. Seveland responded that they are allowed to be here if they meet certain requirements. Levy County has less officers for the entire County than Marion County does.

Announcement (9):

Seveland announced the next meeting will be on March 16, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.