SCA General Membership Meeting minutes May 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Gail Nittle. The meeting was held electronically due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 26 participants in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – Sandy Frieswyk. Expenses were for printing and postage for non-internet members. The ending balance is \$9,593.29.

Secretary's minutes – Mike Slater motioned to dispense of the reading of the minutes from the March 16, 2021 general membership meeting because it was posted on the SCA website. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

General Announcements –

Thanks to Michele Duell for hosting the meeting.

SCA elections – Thanks to Bruce Waggoner and Cassie Planakis for heading the slate of officers. Thanks to Alice Merrill who has served as the SCA 1st Vice President, and Larry Farnsworth who has served as a Director at Large.

Presented 2021-2022 slate of officers:

President	Gail Nittle
1 st Vice President	Cassie Planakis
2 nd Vice President	Mike Slater
Secretary	Marta Morrissey
Treasurer	Sandy Frieswyk
Director at Large	Eric Jones
Director at Large	Kim Jordan

No additional nominations came from the floor. An electronic vote was taken and the slate passed with 81% in favor and 0% not in favor.

Crestwood sign – Four landscape plans are being considered.

Trails for Youth – Join Bruce Waggoner (representing the SCA), Park Authority Board and Supervisor Lusk for a ribbon cutting ceremony of the bike skills trail on Saturday, June 12, 1pm at Brookfield Park.

Springfield Pool – will be open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Swimspringfield.org

Reports/Updates –

GIANT shopping carts – Diane Boughton. All three of the landlords of Springfield Plaza have approved the use of a locking mechanism for shopping carts. The underground wiring system placement will start next month.

Speaker – Lee District Supervisor Rodney Lusk and joined by Capt. Greg Fried.

The major topics discussed from attendee questions:

-Lee District incurred the highest property values/taxes while the county rate will be reduced by 1 penny.

-The Brandon Avenue site specific property is in a holding pattern from the Work Plan.

-Vivian Watts is looking into how to address noisy vehicle mufflers.

-Awareness of enforcement of vehicle registration tags.

-Supervisor Lusk's initiative for tutoring students and new exposure to technology.

-Notification listing for communities to be informed of an ALU application in their area, as well as a listing of prequalified disabled and elderly individuals who are looking for reduced rental accommodations.

-The continuing research is unclear if Lee District was named for Robert E. Lee or family. The district name may be changed if redistricting takes place.

-The new tax abatement program and other incentives are expected to attract new businesses to our area.

-The increasing retail rent charges in our area are market driven, but may be helped with rental assistance from Covid relief money.

-The Franconia government/FCPD building is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

-The Hampton Inn is not going to be constructed, but Mr. Jamal is considering economic incentives involving his property.

-Of the \$222million in Covid relief money, \$52million will go to small businesses and \$30million to non-profits. Hospitality and restaurant businesses will receive a large portion of the money, and much of the stimulus money will be used for continued needs.

-Supervisor Lusk said he would look for solutions from the private owners to maintain their portions of Augusta Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.