

**Minutes for Preserve and Lake Maintenance
Committee Meeting
May 13, 2025, 5:00 PM**

Attendees: Deb Polites, John Polites, Susan Boone, Linda Brown, Tana Dye, Jodi Mitchell, Ashely Morrison, Suzanne Cromwell, Judy Townsend

Florida-Friendly Landscaping (FFL) recommendations regarding no mow zone & native plantings:

- We all agreed that we can't make homeowners follow these recommendations but we can communicate the benefits to them. John suggested including this information in the HOA newsletter.
- Suzanne agreed to use her lawn as a "test" if committee members help do the planting. She will schedule the FFL to come to her house and provide recommendations on native plants. We do not have an estimated cost of the plants at this time.
- John indicated that grasses & plants could be planted but no trees. He recommended that homeowners provide the ARB with a proposal of what they intend to plant & where, although ARB approval is not required.

The Guardians of Martin County:

- John will present to the Board for their approval, the letter indicating our HOA's support for the organization.

Everglades Palm:

- John will cut a piece from the tree for testing to verify the species.

Preserve and Lakes Maintenance Contract:

- John received 2 other bids for the work but they were higher than our current vendor.
- He found out that all 3 companies use chemicals especially to control Alligator Grass, which can't be pulled out.
- John recommends we keep Superior Waterways and work with them on how chemicals are applied.

Committee Goals:

- We all agreed that our first priority is Osprey Cove but we discussed how important it is to keep in mind that any development in Hobe Sound affects us all.
- We will address attending Martin County planning meetings in the future.

Fertilizing:

- The FFL informed us that in Martin County, fertilizing of lawns is banned from June 1-Sept 30.
- Linda Brown pointed out that iron can be used on grass that is turning brown.
- This information should be communicated to our homeowners.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 5:00PM