

2022 Board Supervisor Election

Board Candidate – Bill Kulkoski



Bill Kulkoski and I am running for a second, and final, 3-year term as an HGRD Board Supervisor. Prior to making Herons Glen my primary residence 9 years ago, I was a Trial Lawyer in Wisconsin for over 40 years while running the law firm for most of that time (J.D. Degree Marquette University 1972). In addition to my trial work, I was hired occasionally by opposing attorneys to mediate their cases to settlement. I have found my mediation skills particularly useful in my volunteer work with the Recreation District (HGRD). My wife Pat and I bought our first home in the Glen in 2006 while I was still working and bought our current home when we decided we would retire here. What a great move that was!

I began to volunteer my time to the Recreation District a number of years ago, first serving several terms on the Finance Committee. I believe some of my legal background was helpful in our recovery of most of a large sum of money that had been embezzled by a former General Manager. I was subsequently asked by a prior Board to be on a newly forming committee, the Land Use Committee. That Committee, which I chaired through its existence, was tasked with finding a use for the large, wooded area behind #18 fairway, and to find a way and a place, if possible, to build out the last 15 homes HG was authorized by law to have. Through a lot of work, we were able to “kill two birds with one stone” and the culmination of those efforts can be seen in the DR Horton homes being completed now. Revenue from those homes will greatly help the HOA and HGRD budgets.

Three years ago, I ran for the Board of Supervisors on a platform of bringing Civility and Openness to the Board. I felt the Board had to be unified to succeed in getting the consent of the community to borrow a substantial sum of money to update, repair, replace and add to the Recreation District’s aging buildings, water system, golf course and other amenities. I am happy to report that in the three years I have served, the Board has acted smartly, timely, and importantly, together in its’ decision making. Through great financial timing, and luck, we were able to call in our prior high interest debt, add enough to it to hopefully get all the Bond Projects done, and do it at a 30-year bond rate of about 2.6%. You, Herons Glen Residents, authorized us to increase your annual bond payment \$300, and we did it for less than half of that. Thank you again, for your continued support.

I am asking for a second term to FINISH THE JOB we started. The rationale for issuing more bond debt was to fund the repairs, additions, etc., the “Bond Projects” I mentioned earlier. While the golf course renovation is essentially done, most of the other “Bond Projects” are not. We applied to Lee County for approval almost 11 months ago expecting quick action so we could get going. We have been told repeatedly that we are close to getting what we need to start the other work, but so far, we’re close but no cigar. However, your Board, including myself, is confident that will happen soon. We on the current Board have divided up the “Bond Projects” between ourselves with the idea that we would be the “Champion” of those assigned to us. While my assignments are not sexy; they are equally important. Mine include widening and repairing a substantial part of the multi-use path, getting the 5,000 Sq. Ft. storage facility built, a driving range bathroom as well as several other projects. I would like to see those projects through, as well as the other “Bond Projects” on the list.

I have been honored to serve on the Board. I am impressed by the skills and talents that each Board Member brings to the table, the civility of our interactions, and I would like to, as I said, “Finish the Job”. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with the residents to further the conversation about my self-nomination. Please contact me with any questions or comments you may have by email at wbkpak@aol.com. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your support.

William B. Kulkoski

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Board Candidate – Craig J. Woolley



Craig J. Woolley, CAS
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Fort Myers, FL 33917

Education:

2017, OSHA Authorized General and Construction Industry Trainer, University of South Florida

BS, 2002, Electrical Engineering, Alameda University

Warren County Technical Institute, 1982

National Aviation Technology Part 139 Training, Downing College School of Aviation, 2006

Penn State Outreach Continuing Education Program – Project Management, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2006

Years of Professional Experience: 40+

Professional Associations:

Borough Councilman, Roseto, PA

New Jersey State Fireman's Association, Member

Roseto Fire Department, Member

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), Football Official

My wife Carmela and I moved to Herons Glen in 2008 from Roseto, PA. I am employed by Burns Engineering as a Construction manager and Safety Trainer. I am also the Chair of the HOA Safety, Security and Emergency preparation committee (SSEP) and have held this title over the past 9 years.

Experience:

I have over 40 years of extensive experience in construction project management along with budgeting and scheduling.

My administrative and technical skills enable me to effectively manage deadlines and motivate people.

I thoroughly understand the operations of the construction business and can effectively coordinate contractor activities with Herons Glen Recreational District management and Herons Glen Recreational District's engineering Subconsultants. My experience will help during the design process for any new projects that the rec district is planning.

Things I've handled through work that I feel would be helpful in this position include:

- Chairing meetings: SSEP
- Schedule tracking of work activities: Computer programs such as procure
- Reviewing invoices: For accuracy and completion of work that is being billed
- Site inspections
- Construction clarifications
- Monitor compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations
- Issue punch lists: Check work against design documents
- Review as-built drawings
- Cost tracking: Review of change orders and savings
- QA/QC implementing and monitoring
- Provide long range planning for upcoming projects

I will represent Herons Glen residents, ensuring their concerns and suggestions are brought forth to the Board of Supervisors in a timely and supportive manner, as well as ensuring assessments are spent wisely. I will be diligent, working to keep Herons Glen as one of the best communities to live in Southwest Florida.

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Board Candidate – Howard M. Young



February 1, 2022

To Residents of Herons Glen:

I would like to continue serving the community on the HGRD Board. The past three years, I have served on the Board as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Board.

For those that are new residents and anyone who may need a reminder, I would like to share my experiences in life and work background which have served the community well while being on the Board. After I graduated from High School, I spent four years in the military (including a year in Vietnam). My more formal education includes an Associate's degree in Automotive Technology and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan in Applied Science. These degrees opened doors and reduced the entry barriers for opportunities in the automotive industry, where I spent nearly 33 years. During that time, I worked or supervised employees in quality systems, manufacturing, product development, and sales. My last 15 years were spent as a Program Manager.

In that role, I worked in all phases of making ideas a reality. I dealt with contracts, human resources, contractors, purchasing, engineering, appropriations, budgets, customers, end users, and of course, timing of programs and projects. I worked both domestically and internationally and enjoyed great success in completing many programs and projects over time.

With all that as background, those experiences have developed a highly capable skill in problem solving, conflict resolution, operations, and management of programs large and small. I think what I most enjoy still today, is defining and solving problems others seem to struggle with, regardless of their type. I have been very successful in using my common sense and resourcefulness to resolve very complex issues I have faced. I feel I can work well with others, as a team, to contribute to the resolution of any problem the community has or will face.

My wife, Dawn, and I have owned in Herons Glen since 2004. I am a Florida resident and like many people here, we looked extensively before settling in the Glen. Dawn and I both feel we made an excellent decision by selecting the Glen to call our home. We both have been active in various activities and committees here. (I served on the HGRD Long Range Planning Committee and the HGRD Finance Committee prior to being elected to serve on the HGRD Board in 2019.)

During the past three years on the Board, we've made significant improvements in our Financial Planning, defining projects that require restoration of facilities, and updating of the community. COVID, material shortages, supply chain issues, staffing, and lack of permitting from Lee County have all delayed project completions to date. I am seeking your vote so I may continue with the plans to further improvement in our community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this introduction. I will be happy to answer any questions you have at Meet the Candidates night on Thursday, March 3 at 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom of the Herons Glen Clubhouse.

Sincerely,

Howard Young