

2016 Spring Silver Beach Membership Meeting Minutes

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Saturday, June 11, 2016

- **President's Announcements**

- Pete Detmering opened the meeting by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Pete then asked for a moment of silence in memory of Winnie Hartysten (Captain of the Dover Brick First Aid Squad) and the Members who passed away over the winter.
- Pete then introduced Rob Marion, current Captain of the Dover Brick First Aid Squad, who spoke on behalf of the Squad and the Ocean Beach Fire Company. He emphasized that membership is down in both organizations as they actively seeking volunteers. Both organizations provide training and will consider volunteers who are only here in the summer if they are active in a similar organization at home. Anyone interested should contact Rob at 848-992-0474.
- Pete then addressed the issues on Memorial Day weekend with mobs of teenagers at WaWa and on the beach. Pete has spoken to the Security Trustee in Chadwick; Chadwick has hired off duty police to patrol their beach at night. Unfortunately, these people are on Chadwick's payroll so we cannot enter into a shared services agreement with them. Janet Doremus and Gabby Dudas also spoke to Ralph Stocco, Neighborhood Watch from TRPD, who mentioned that they intend to increase patrols beginning in July which should keep things at bay. Unfortunately, with social media, word of these types of gatherings spreads like wild fire. Pete stated that will keep an eye on the situation but if the actions taken by the police were not enough, we would most likely hire our own security immediately to address the issue and that money was not budgeted for this. Pete went on to say that the EC could not wait to get formal approval from the association members and that we would move ahead with hiring a firm without calling for formal acceptance by the membership. Pete asked the members to **call TRPD immediately at 732-349-0150** if they encounter a problem. It should be obvious, but the more calls they get, the more real the situation will appear to them and help will be sent.
- Pete then went on to say that several EC Members have stepped down and we are actively seeking to replace them (see details in pertinent sections below). He expressed his appreciation and thanks to Arnie Morris, Dan McGrath and Nancy Ambrusio for their time and effort as members of the EC.

- **Secretary's Report**

- The minutes were accepted as written.

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Dave Eikhorst reported that:
 - Last year at this time we had 283 paid members
 - To date, only 253 members have paid
 - As of 6/29/16 276 members have paid
 - 6 new members have joined the Association
 - 36 Tennis Members have paid to date (usually around 40)
 - On the Expense side, Dave highlighted that the biggest expense this year has been for the playground equipment and bay beach restoration. There is a company currently at the bay beach fine sifting the sand for debris.

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- **Finance Committee Report**

- Arnie Morris reported that the 2016 Budget reflects a reduction in Salary based on the reduced operating hours at the ocean beach that was agreed to at the Fall Meeting.
- Arnie also announced that after 19 years on the EC, he is stepping down when his term expires and we will need a Finance Committee Trustee to replace him.

- **Insurance Committee Report**

- In Tom Cleeland's absence, Dave reported that:
 - We were approached by ADP to use Traveler's for workers comp insurance, which will save us \$1k.
 - Tom Cleeland was able to place our General Liability policy with only a \$165 premium increase.
 - Tom also was able to increase our Directors and Officers policy from \$1M to \$3M for only \$1.1k premium increase.
- Tom is also trying to increase the Directors & Officers policy from \$1M to \$5M as approved as last fall's meeting; however, Tom has spoken to 3 carriers and has yet to find one that will accept the risk.

- **Ocean Beach Report**

- Pete reported that Dan McGrath has stepped down as President and will be stepping down as Ocean Beach Trustee on Jul 15th after the beach operation is ready for the season. Pete mentioned this is a busy time for the Ocean Beach Trustee who works with Toms River to open up the beach for the season.
- Pete mentioned that we will need a Trustee to fill the Ocean Beach Committee position.
- Pete stated that we are limited as to what we can do until the Army Corps Project gets underway. We expect the Project to go out for bid in late summer, once all the easements are in place.
- Pete also thanked all the volunteers who came out for Beach Cleanup and asked that if you see anything dangerous to pick it up and discard it properly.

- **Bay Beach Report**

- Fred Manuel reported that the playground equipment is in; the beach area has been raked 3 times and we are awaiting delivery of 2 gazebos which hopefully will be here around July 4th.
- Fred also stated that the bay swim area will have a lifeguard this year, starting on July 1st from 10am-4pm. This will be monitored for usage and sea nettle issues.

- **Tennis Committee Report**

- Arnie reported that the court is ready for play; this year's combination has been set and is printed on the Tennis Membership Cards.
- Arnie also reported that he is working with the developer of our new website to have an online tennis signup method, rather than the paper version that has been used. An announcement will be sent via email when it is available.
- Arnie mentioned that Patsy Robinson has agreed to replace him as Tennis Committee Trustee when his term expires in September.

- **Membership Committee Report**

- Janet Doremus reported that 6 new families have joined the Association:
 - The Curley's on Heron Rd
 - The Homiek's on Heron Rd

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- The Kelly's on West Colony Rd
 - The Ramos's on Silver Beach Rd
 - The Ruane's on South Lagoon Rd
 - The Sheridan/Ryan's on Bayberry Rd
- Janet asked the Members present to welcome the new Members to the community.
- In addition, several homes have recently sold and membership information has been sent to the new owners.
- **Entertainment Committee Report**
 - Pete Detmering reported that Family Day will be held on Saturday, September 3rd (rain date Sunday, September 4th) from 12:30-5pm.
 - As always, we are seeking help with Family Day events, including Sand Castle contests, Scavenger Hunts and 50/50 sales.
 - Pete also mentioned that Scott Jeffrey has stepped down from the EC and Bill Naughton has agreed to take over the Entertainment Committee. Bill will be added to the Slate for 2017, when Scott's term ends.
- **Federation of Beaches Meeting Report**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Slates of Candidates for 2017**
 - Janet Doremus read the slate of Candidates for 2017:
 - Officers
 - Pete Detmering – Vice President
 - Dave Eickhorst - Treasurer
 - Trustees
 - Tom Cleeland
 - Gabby Dudas
 - Patsy Robinson (replacing Arnie Morris)
 - Ed Skok
 - Pete mentioned that we still have EC positions to fill and the final slate will be distributed with the Fall Letter.
 - Janet also stated that anyone who would like to run for office should send a letter to the Secretary, no later than July 15th.
- **Old Business**
 - There was no Old Business to discuss.
- **New Business**
 - Proposed By-Law Changes
 - Discussion and vote on the proposed By-Law changes was postponed to the Fall Membership Meeting.
 - Beautification Committee
 - Pete Detmering suggested the formation of a Beautification Committee which would be charged with proposing enhancements to the street entrances at the ocean beach and also to the bay beach. Anyone who is interested should contact an EC Member.
 - Kevin Seiler asked if, with falling membership since Sandy, the EC has considered reducing the Membership Initiation Fee. After some discussion, including how to be fair to those who have paid in the past, Kevin made a motion to reduce the Initiation Fee, a vote was taken and the motion was denied.

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- Faust Campobianco suggested that the trash cans be placed back on the beach. Janet Doremus responded that the reason the cans were removed several years back was to eliminate the problem of sea gulls emptying the garbage placed in the cans after the guards go off duty. For the most part, it seems this has been successful.
- Memorial Day Weekend Issues
- **Close of Meeting**
 - Pete mentioned the next Membership Meeting will be Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 9am in the Dover Brick First Aid Squad.
 - Pete then asked for a motion to adjourn; ?? made the motion; ?? seconded; the Members approved the motion.