

2017 Spring Silver Beach Association Member's Meeting Minutes

Final

June 10, 2017

- **President's Opening Remarks**

Pete Detmering opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of the members who passed over the past year.

Pete then led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pete then spoke of the activity that has taken place since the Fall Meeting with respect to beach security and the dunes. He mentioned that we have hired a security guard for the weekends and have been working with TRPD regarding additional patrols at night.

- **Secretary's Report**

Janet Doremus if there were any questions/comments to the minutes from the Fall Meeting that were distributed via email prior to this meeting. Since there were no questions/comments, she asked for a motion to approve the minutes; Sherri Plotkin made the motion, Lou Amendola seconded and those in attendance approved.

Janet then mentioned that we have 17 new members. She asked those in attendance to stand and introduce themselves. The following are the new home owners:

214	Silver Beach Road	Jaime		Desmond	Mr. Williams Hicks
101	South Bayside Road	David	Alison	Ford	
113	West Colony Road	Frank	Susan	Gately	
37	East Silver Beach Road	Karen		Imbach	Robin Piccapietra
225	North Lagoon Road	Scott		Larsen	
23	South Surf Road	Marc	Maria	Magliacano	
15	North Surf Road	Brian	Melia	McHugh	
126	West Colony Road	Michael	Frances	McKenna	
125	West Colony Road	Daniel	Celeste	Miguel	
249	North Lagoon Road	Anthony	Lorraine	Musto	
219	South Lagoon Road	Peter	Magdalena	Renna	
109	South Bayside Road			Seiler	
55	East Silver Beach Road	John	Lisa	Sierchio	
142	Bayberry Road	David		Stout	
114	Bayberry Road	Joseph	Christine	Tinney	
205	Silver Beach Road	Peter	Darraugh	Valli	

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South Lagoon Road

Nelson

Zabransky

Janet asked everyone present to introduce themselves to their new neighbors and to make them aware of the Association.

Pete then went on to introduce the Executive Committee members to the new members:

Pete Detmering – President

John Sands – Vice President

Dave Eickhorst – Treasurer

Janet Doremus – Secretary & Membership Trustee

Kathleen Rocci – Finance Trustee

Jeff Bailey – Ocean Beach Trustee

Fred Manuel & Gabby Dudas – Bay Beach Trustee

Patsy Robinson – Tennis Trustee

Tom Cleeland – Insurance Trustee

Bill Naughton – Entertainment Trustee

Janet then explained the election process for the new members. The EC presents its slate of candidates for the terms that are expiring. Anyone who wishes to run for the EC may do so; they must send a letter to the Secretary no later than July 15th to be added to the ballot. The election will be held at the Fall Meeting.

The EC's slate of candidates is as follows:

- **Officers**
 - **Janet Doremus – Secretary**
 - **Dave Eickhorst – Treasurer**
- **Trustees**
 - **Tom Cleeland**
 - **Gabby Dudas**
 - **Fred Manuel**
- **Treasurer's Report**

Dave Eickhorst gave the Treasurer's Report. He reported:

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- The IRS has approved the Fiscal Year End change (from September 31st to December 31st) as we requested.
- Income to date:
 - 272 members have paid their dues to date.
 - 15 new members have joined the Association (2 additional after the meeting brings the total to 17)
 - 38 tennis members have paid
 - So far this year we are \$40k above last year's income, due in part to the generous donations of many of our members...Thank You!
- Expenses to date:
 - \$13.4k for insurance
 - \$10k for beach preservation

- Finance Report

Kathleen Rocci reported that:

- salaries are approximately 5.1% over last year
- CAFRA expense is less than anticipated; \$1k vs \$2.5k
- there are no capital improvements or legal expenses thus far

- Insurance Report

Tom Cleeland reported that insurance costs have stabilized, after a hike following a claim a number of years back.

Tom then explained the coverage we have:

- General Liability coverage for \$1M per incident
- \$5M Umbrella Policy
- Worker's Comp, which is a function of payroll
- Directors and Officers Insurance, which was increased from \$1m to \$3M last year
- Personal Watercraft liability

Tom went on to explain that we self-insure the guard shed and its contents, as the cost of prohibitive

- Tennis Report

Patsy Robinson reported on Tennis. She explained that the tennis court is funded solely by its members. There are 38 tennis members thus far this year.

- Ocean Beach Report

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Jeff Bailey reported on the Ocean Beach:

- Lifeguards will be on duty 10:00am – 5:30pm
 - Opening the weekend 6/17-6/18
 - Daily, commencing Friday 6/23 – Labor Day
- Security has been hired for the weekends
- CAFRA Permit renewal has been submitted; there is one outstanding question from Toms River, which is being followed up on
- Army Corp. of Engineers Project – sand is currently being pumped on to the beach in Ortley; we anticipate our beach to be pumped in Jan-Feb '18 and the dunes to be constructed in the Spring of '18

The mule and wave runner have been serviced and repainted and are ready for the season. Jeff feels the mule should be good for another 2-3 years. Kevin Seiler questioned the amount of reserves we have for this; he anticipates it would cost about \$18-20k to replace both items. We will look at our reserves for the Fall Meeting. **Check the reserve schedule**

- Federation of Beaches Meeting Report

Pete explained for the new members that the Federation is an informal group of the presidents of all the Toms River beach communities, north of Seaside Heights through Normandy Beach, with the exception of Lavallette, which is not part of Toms River.

The group has been meeting with Toms River to gain support of the police in managing the hordes of kids that are gathering on the beaches at night. Pete commented that the police are doing a good job, but it's not easy, particularly with social media.

As we discussed at the Fall Meeting, we plan to install beach lighting after the Beach Restoration Project is complete. This will not be an inexpensive item. Last year we looked at installing new poles and wiring; but the wiring must be buried and we are concerned that this could be prone to problems, given the water table, or exposed during storms. Therefore, we took a look at solar lighting. Although there won't be ongoing costs, the initial cost could be as high as \$27k per light pole; more research needs to be done in this area.

In the meantime, we agreed to ask our ocean front homeowners to shine their lights toward the beach in an attempt to discourage congregating. We also recommend that everyone leave their outdoor lights on (both front and back) to discourage the outrageous actions of some of the kids leaving the beach. We also reminded everyone to lock up their cars and personal possessions (bikes, skateboards, surfboards, etc.) so they are not stolen.

We also reminded everyone to call TRPD immediately if they see or hear anything unusual. 732-349-0150 x1001.

Kathleen Rocci offered to contact State Senator Holzapfel's office to see if the State can offer any assistance.

- Bay Beach Report

Fred Manuel reported on the Bay Beach:

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- The beach is closed for swimming, as agreed last Fall, due to lack of use and stinging nettles; signs have been posted to that effect on both entrances
- If necessary (i.e., extremely rough ocean), a guard could be placed at the bay temporarily
- Phase 3 of the Bay Beach Restoration Project is now complete, with the installation of the swing set on the north end
- The sand fencing has been removed, the beach has been raked for the 4th time, and the sand has been removed from the sidewalks; the area is ready for the Summer

- **Entertainment Committee Report**

Bill Naughton reported that:

- Family Day has been scheduled for Saturday, September 2nd, with a rain date Sunday, September 3rd
- Bill is trying to schedule a "mini" Family Day (DJ and 50-50 only) for July 4th; after some discussion, it was agreed to hold the "mini" Family Day on Sunday, July 2nd, so all could enjoy. Bill said he would check with the DJ to see if he is available; subsequent to the meeting, Bill confirmed that the DJ is available on 7/2; there is no rain date.
- Bill stressed he needs volunteers for the 50-50. Please contact us if you are willing to help.

- **Old Business**

There was no Old Business

- **New Business**

- Kathleen Rocci reported that the "No Parking" signs on Rt. 35 N should be going in by the end of the month.
- A comment was made that it is difficult to get on/off the beach; Jeff Bailey agreed to make arrangements to bring in a bobcat to make the slope less steep.

- **Close of Meeting**

The next meeting will be Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 9am

Joe Kennedy made a motion to close the meeting; Chick Krug seconded and the motion was approved.