

2018 Silver Beach Association Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

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- **President's Opening Remarks**

- Pete Detmering opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for the Members who passed in the past year.
- Pete then asked each EC Member to introduce themselves and the position they have on the board.
- Pete then went on to speak about the open positions on the Executive Committee.
 - Dave Eickhorst has stepped down as Treasurer; Ken Takacs has assumed that position.
 - The position of Finance Trustee is now open, as Kathleen Rocci has sold her house and is moving out of Silver Beach.
 - Pete mentioned that it would require a By-Law change to merge the position of Treasurer and Finance Trustee; these 2 positions were intended to be a check and balance of our finances. However, since the EC prepares and monitors the budget as a group, it is feasible that the EC could work as the Finance Trustee.
 - Andrea Greco volunteered for this position. Subsequent to the meeting the EC accepted Andrea for this position.
 - The position of Entertainment Trustee is still open, since Bill Naughton stepped down last year. Pete stressed there would be no Family Day this year unless someone stepped up to the plate. Scott Jeffery volunteered to run Family Day, but as a volunteer, not a trustee. Subsequent to the meeting Melain Castellone volunteered for the position of Entertainment Trustee. She will work with Scott who has run Family Day in the past to get on board.
 - With the Rocci's leaving Silver Beach, we are also in need of a Web Master (not a Trustee position).

- **Secretary's Report**

- Janet Doremus asked if there were any questions or comments on the Minutes from the Fall Membership Meeting. Since there were no comments, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes; Scott Jeffery made the motion; Lou Amendola seconded and the Membership voted to approve the minutes.
- Janet mentioned that 10 new families have joined the Association:
 - Rocky Durocher
 - Michael Goor
 - Marge Iacangelo
 - Marc Madison
 - Frank McSpedon
 - John Mesquita
 - Tim Reinagel
 - Ronald Scheese
 - Jack Sciabica

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- Rick Synold
- She also mentioned that there were about 6 or 8 additional properties that have sold since last year and hopefully the new owners will be joining in the near future. This is a fluid number, since sales happen all year long and we often are not advised of the sales.
- Janet then read the proposed Slate of Candidates for 2019
 - Officers
 - Pete Detmering – President
 - John Sands – Vice President
 - Ken Takacs - Treasurer
 - Trustees
 - Finance – Andrea Greco
 - Ocean Beach – Jeff Bailey
 - Tennis – Patsy Robinson
 - She also mentioned that if anyone would like to run for a position, they should submit their name in writing by July 15th to be added to the slate.
- Janet then explained the proposed By-Law Change
 - The following is the original language in our current By-Laws:
 - Membership in the Association is not transferable. In order to become a Member, all new owners of property in Silver Beach, whether acquired as a result of sale, gift or inheritance, must complete an Application Form and pay the applicable Initiation Fee.
 - The following is the proposed change to the above language:
 - Membership in the Association is not transferrable **except** within a “Family”.
 - A “Family” is defined as the spouse, child, children of the decedent, issue of any child or legally adopted child of the decedent (grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.), step-child and mutually acknowledged child of the decedent, father, mother, or grandparents of the decedent, a domestic partner or a civil union partner.
 - All other new owners of property in Silver Beach must complete an Application Form and pay the applicable Initiation Fee.
 - Diane Herlitt questioned how this would affect a transfer within a family while the owner was still alive. The language will be modified accordingly.
 - Kevin Seiler questioned how this would address the situation when a Member buys a second property in Silver Beach, either for their own use or for rental purposes. This had not been considered; therefore, the EC will discuss this and incorporate language to handle this situation before presenting for a vote.
 - The vote on the By-Law Change was tabled, pending further discussion.
- Janet then mentioned several changes that were made to our Rules and Regulations for 2018:
 - Tents or canopies may **only** be placed north or south of the swim area. Small canopies for infants are permitted.
 - Drones may **NOT** be flown over the ocean or bay beach area at any time.
 - The mule may **NOT** be used to transport Members or their guests. Beach wheelchairs are available for that purpose. See the Badge Checker or a lifeguard to make arrangements for its use.

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- Pete Detmering explained that this was done for liability purposes.
- Janet also mentioned that we had originally hoped the beach replenishment project would be complete by now and we could get on with our Ocean Beach Beautification Committee efforts. This will be tabled until after the project is complete.

• Treasurer's Report

- Ken Takacs reported that we are currently upgrading our bookkeeping software to Quick Books Online.
 - We have:
 - Added all the Members to the system
 - Generated the 2018 invoices and emailed them to our Members
 - Booked the dues, new member initiation fees, donations, tennis and extra badges as income into the new system.
 - Our next steps are to:
 - Enter 2018 expenses into the system
 - Bring Forward Prior Year Data
 - A full P&L will be distributed via email with YTD figures once this is completed.

• Finance Report

- There was no Finance Report

• Insurance Report

- Tom Cleeland explained the types of insurance the Association has in place:
 - Liability - \$1M
 - Umbrella - \$5M
 - Directors and Officers
 - PWC – liability for select guards
 - Mule – liability only
 - Workers Comp, as required by law and administered by ADP
- Tom also mentioned that he was able to shop our coverages and, in the process, saved \$4k in premiums.

• Tennis Report

- Patsy Robinson reported the court is open and ready for play.
- Theresa Ryan questioned whether the court could be lined for Pickleball, which is an up and coming sport.
 - Theresa mentioned that she realized the lines may be confusing to tennis players and wondered if it would be feasible to build a new court on the northwest corner of the bay beach area.
 - Theresa agreed to look into the cost of a new court and present her findings to the EC.

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- Patsy mentioned that the courts on Strickland Boulevard are Toms River facilities and open to Silver Beach members. One of the courts has been converted to a Pickleball court. There also are courts in Lavallette.
- Kevin Seiler mentioned that since the tennis court is a self-funded facility, any new facility of similar ilk should be also.
- **Ocean Beach Report**
 - Jeff Bailey reported that our lifeguards:
 - will be on duty from 10am – 5:30pm on the weekend of 6/16-17 and then daily from Friday, 6/22 through Labor Day.
 - Jeff also reported on beach security:
 - In light of last year's mass of teens on the beach at night on Memorial Day Weekend, we added an additional security guard for the weekend and intend to do so again on July 4th and Labor Day Weekends. The guard(s) are on duty from 9pm to 1am. Our guards do not carry guns; they are instructed to try to dissuade teens from congregating, but if the situation is out of their control, they are to call TRPD.
 - We also requested additional support from Toms River PD; they were very visible and contained the situation very well.
 - Although there were a lot of teens on Rt. 35, our guards kept them at bay on the beach.
 - As a result of this, there was very little trash on the beach from overnight activities.
 - Brian McHugh questioned by the guard comes on at 9, when the Rules and Regs states the beach closes at 10; Jeff explained that this was to stay ahead of the wave; the guard can assess the situation at 9 and prepare himself for the night.
 - Sam Vassallo mentioned that as teens are chased off the beach, they tend to party at the top of the streets; Jeff stressed that anyone who sees a situation that needs to be addressed, should call the TRPD.
 - Marge Casey questioned if smoking would be allowed on the beach.
 - Pete Detmering responded that this may be resolved at the state level as there is currently legislation on the Governor's desk to be signed. Although the legislation is for public beaches, our beach has always been open to the public and the Easement that was signed years back makes it public also.
 - Scott Jeffery mentioned that enforcement would be difficult; hopefully the TRPD will assume this responsibility.
 - Pat Cubberly questioned why the guards breakdown the second chair at 3:30, leaving 1 guard stand til 5:30. Jeff explained that they begin breaking down at 4 and finish up by 4:30. Jeff will reiterate this schedule with Ken.
 - Pete Detmering then reported on the Beach President's Meeting that was held on Friday, June 8th with representatives from Toms River (Maria Maruca (Ward 3 Council Rep), Bob Chalkanian (Township Engineer), Don Guardian (Business Administrator) and Craig

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Ambrosio (Parks Department)) and the DEP (Kelly De Stefani) with respect to beach replenishment:

- Pete reiterated that although the Beach Presidents and Toms River requested to push the project beyond Labor Day, the Army Corps was unwilling to move it. That being said, the project has again delayed due to equipment breakdowns, storms, and the emergency redeployment of equipment to LBI; the project is now scheduled to begin in late July, starting at Pompano Road in OBIII.
- The project will work in 1000-foot sections, heading north from Pompano Road in OBIII. Each section is expected to take 3 weeks to complete.
- The project will also deploy 2 security guards around the clock in the construction zone to prevent inadvertent spectator accidents. Please advise your family, friends and renters to stay clear of the work zone. Heavy equipment operators do not have the best sight lines and someone strolling by get hurt.
- We have made arrangements to share our beaches with the adjacent beaches, as needed. When our beach is closed, our Members will be able to use the adjacent beaches and our guards will assist on those beaches.
- The Army Corps maintains the latest project schedule on the internet:
 - <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Manasquan-Inlet-to-Barnegat-Inlet/>
 - Silver Beach is included in the Toms River North section of the schedule.
- Pete also mentioned that Brick Beach has reported that there is a strong odor when the sand is first brought out of the ocean and the sea gulls are having a feast; the water will also be churned up with a potential for rip tides, but the odor dissipates quickly and the water will calm down once the work is complete in a given section.
- Toms River will meet with the Army Corps on June 26th and will follow-up with a meeting with the Beach Presidents shortly thereafter. If there is any change to the schedule, we will communicate it via email.
- Once the project begins in Toms River, the Township Engineer will be on site daily to inspect the work and ensure that things are going according to the agreed to plan/design.
- Pete questioned whether our Life Guard Shed would have to be moved; Bob Chalkanian looked at the plans and said he didn't think so, but he would inspect the site on Monday.
 - Subsequent to the meeting Bob Chalkanian contacted Pete and said he would have to withhold a response until he meets with the Project Manager closer to the actual time of construction.
- It was also mentioned at the meeting that paving of all the Toms River streets is in progress; Ortleby has been completed and OB I and II are in progress. This work will be suspended on June 21st and resumed after Labor Day to avoid impacting vacationers and renters. Silver Beach is now expected to be done in the Fall.
- Questions from the floor:
 - Bob Salmon

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- How many entrances will be in Silver Beach?
 - Six, one at the top of each ocean front street
 - How high will the dune be?
 - 22 feet above sea level, which is approximately 7 feet higher than our original dunes; for each foot of elevation, there is an increase of 5 feet at the base
 - Ann Pfeil
 - Will lifeguards be provided at the bay in August if the ocean is closed?
 - Yes
 - Brian Gardner
 - Will the work be done 24/7?
 - Yes
 - Brian was concerned with the noise; however, Pete again reiterated this is a necessary project and a one-time deal.
 - Pat Cubberly
 - Commented that keeping all the guards on duty during the project is overkill; Pete explained that since the adjacent beaches will now have many more people in the water, it is prudent to send the guards with our people
 - Theresa Ryan
 - Who will renters buy their badges from?
 - We will encourage everyone to buy from Silver Beach and the adjacent beaches will honor them; however, if they chose to buy from the adjacent beaches we will not object since this is a one-shot deal.
- **Bay Beach Report**
 - Fred Manuel report that once again, the bay beach will be closed for swimming. This was due to lack of use, not the sea nettles. However, in the event that the beach replenishment project closes our beach in season, we are prepared to bring lifeguards to the bay as needed.
 - Fred also reported that the bay beach cleanup has been completed and the playground equipment is ready for use.
- **Entertainment Committee Report**
 - Pete mentioned that now that Scott has stepped up to the plate for this year, Family Day will be held on Saturday, September 1st, with a rain date of 9/2
 - Subsequent to the meeting, we discussed the possibility that our beach may not be available on Labor Day Weekend due to beach replenishment. If that is the case, we will plan for a block party on Silver Beach Road.

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- **Old Business**
 - There was no Old Business

- **New Business**
 - There was no New Business

- **Close of Meeting**
 - Pete Detmering asked for a motion to close the meeting; the motion was made by Scott Jeffery and seconded by Ken Odoksta, the motion carried.
 - The next meeting will be held on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 10AM