

2019 Silver Beach Association Spring Membership Meeting

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- **President's Opening Remarks**

- Jeff Bailey, Beach Trustee, sat in for Pete Detmering, President, who had an emergency at home.
- Jeff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Jeff then asked for a Moment of Silence in honor of our Treasurer, Ken Takacs, who perished in tragic accident over the winter, as well as several Members who also passed in the off-season.
- Jeff announced that Andrea Greco, who came on the Board last year as Finance Trustee, has assumed the role of Treasurer and Betsy Goor has been appointed as Entertainment Trustee.
- Jeff asked that the Members hold their comments until after all the Board Members have completed their report.

- **Secretary's Report (Janet Doremus)**

- 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. Louis Amendola made a motion, Mike Goor seconded and the Membership voted to approve the minutes as written.
- Janet mentioned that 14 new families have joined the Association:

211	Heron Road	Brandon	Felicia	Susan	-
27	South Surf Road	Bullaro	Joseph		
24	East Silver Beach Road	Fiorilli	Anthony	Joann	
229	Silver Beach Road	Jannucci	Dawn		
129	South Bayside Road	Johnstone	Brian	Dana	
222	Heron Road	Katz	Lawrence	Laurie	
213	Heron Road	McLaughlin	Christine		Brian Kehoe
124	South Bayside Road	Miick	Kirk	Linda	
146	Bayberry Road	O'Donnell	Edward	Irene	
200	Heron Road	Resnick	Brett	Kendra	
52	Fishermans Road	Tan	Jullian	Heather	
3530	Route 35 North	Venditti	Donald	Victoria	
25	Silver Beach Road	Kirkpatrick	Brian	Marianne	
3510	Route 35 North	Haddad	Joan		

She asked that people make the new Members welcome and assist in any way possible.

- Janet mentioned that she and Gabby have attended the Toms River Neighborhood Watch meetings and recently attended a Town Council meeting to express the need for beach patrols in the evening.
 - We were advised that special officers will be patrolling the beach from noon-midnight on quads in addition to normal street patrols.
 - We were also advised that TRPD met with WaWa and recommended that they employ off-duty officers for security, rather than the service they had been employing. We asked that the street patrols also include our bay beach area in their patrol.

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- Janet also mentioned that Toms River instituted Operation Watchdog, which has a database for people to register their security cameras. By registering, if there is an incident in the vicinity, the TRPD knows who to contact. To register, go to www.trpolice.org
- TRPD also mentioned that the Nest and Ring doorbells, which have built in cameras that connect to cell phones, are simple to install and go to great lengths to deter criminals. Ring also offers a neighborhood facility, which can alert neighborhood residents of problems in their area. Go to <https://shop.ring.com/pages/neighborsapp> for further information.
- Janet mentioned, that she has been posting local events on the Silver Beach Face Book page, rather than accumulating them and publishing them in an Update on a monthly basis. This allows for the information to get to Members on a more timely basis and doesn't clutter the inbox of people who are not interested in the events.
- Janet mentioned that we are still in the transition to Online Quick Books, which was started last year.
 - The Income side is complete.
 - Next, will begin populating the Expense side for 2019 and then bring forward the prior years data from the desktop version which had been used in the past.
 - Andrea has done a tremendous job, picking up where Ken Tackas left off and finalizing the 2018 financials.
- **Treasurer's Report (Andrea Greco)**
 - Andrea walked the Members present through 2018 Year End Financial Report which was distributed at the meeting and is attached to these minutes.
 - Income
 - New Member Initiation Fees were significantly higher than forecast, due to the higher than usual turnover of homes.
 - Beach Badge Sales were \$6k higher than budgeted, due to Gabby's diligence.
 - The \$4.5k in Miscellaneous is from the sale of the mule.
 - Sandy Donations and Interest were also higher than expected.
 - Expense
 - Taxes are lower than forecast as only 1 quarterly tax payment was made; this will be paid in '19 after the '18 taxes are filed. (Andrea had the accountant file an extension for '18 taxes and will meet with them shortly to finalize the '18 return)
 - Beach Preservation had no expense, as Toms River did the bulk of the maintenance. Now that the ACE project is complete, we will review the needs for this category in '20.
 - Tennis expenses were higher than forecast to cover the expense of adding the pickleball lines.
 - 2019 Report (year to date)
 - Income
 - The report reflects 228 members dues paid as of June 1st; since that time, 44 members have paid, including 3 new members; adding \$24.6k to income
 - Expense
 - Administration – the bulk of this is for QuickBooks, including 6 months for '18
 - Capital Expense
 - The Mats came in about \$2.7k higher than planned because of the change needed to accommodate Toms River's requirement to replace the mats on Fishermans Road to accommodate the mule/wave runner

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- The Mule expense came in about \$3k higher than anticipated, but was offset by selling the old Mule (\$4.5k)
 - An unplanned expense of \$2.6k was incurred to replace the vandalized lifeguard stands.
- Since this a seasonal operation, the bulk of the '19 expenses will be incurred during the season and will be reflected in the Fall report.
- **Finance Report**
 - There was no Finance Report, other than the Treasurer's Report as we need a Trustee to fill this position.
- **Insurance Report**
 - Tom Cleeland reported that he expects our insurance expenses to come in at or below budget.
 - Tom then explained the types of insurance we carry:
 - General Liability - \$1M
 - Umbrella - \$5M
 - Directors and Officers
 - Workers Comp, which is administered through ADP
 - PWC/Mule liability only
 - Sam Vassallo raised the issue of registering and insuring the mule for use on the street. After some discussion, Tony Fiorilli made a motion to allocate a maximum of \$10k to cover this expense, the motion was seconded by Kathy Riley and approved.
 - Tom will pursue this for this season.
 - Tom then announced, that after serving 20 years on the Board, he will not be seeking reelection this Fall. Tom indicated he would be around to transition his responsibilities to the new Trustee.
- **Tennis/Pickleball Report (Patsy Robinson)**
 - Patsy mentioned that:
 - the lines for Pickleball have been put down
 - the net will remain at the Tennis height
 - Arnie Morris has repaired the cracks and painted the court
 - All members will receive a card with the tennis court combination and rules when picking up their badges
 - Saturday morning will now have rotating play
 - 8-10 am is reserved for Tennis; Arnie Morris and Mike Goor will coordinate
 - 10-noon is reserved for Pickleball; Theresa Sheridan will coordinate
 - No signup is required for either timeslot; stop by and play
- **Ocean Beach Report (Jeff Bailey)**
 - Jeff mentioned that:
 - Lifeguards will be on duty from 10am – 5:30pm on
 - The weekend off 6/15-16
 - Daily from Friday 6/21 – Labor Day
 - Weekend security (Friday and Saturday nights from 9pm-1am and Sunday on holiday weekends) has been increased to 2 guards, at a cost of an additional \$5k, as approved at the Fall meeting
 - The Army Corp. of Engineers Project is complete; the dunes have been built and fenced, the beach has been widened, and the dune grass has been planted.
 - Toms River has installed railings and mobie mats on the walkways over the dunes.

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- Jeff also advised people not to sit on or touch the railings...as they are very chintzy and rough and the railing could easily break or people could get splinters.
 - The Association is responsible for installing mobie mates from the street to the dune; this will be done shortly. Volunteers are needed to assist in this effort. Contact Jeff at jeff@haskellpaving.com
 - Toms River objected to taking the mule over the dune and suggested that we take the mule/wave runner over the dune at the accessway at Kittiwake; after much discussion, including gaining the support of the other local beaches and our insurance company, Toms River agreed that the mule/wave runner is needed for emergency purposes and would allow us to take the mule/wave runner over the dune at Fishermans Road, provided we:
 - signed an agreement with Toms River to not hold them responsible for any liability during the process of moving the mule over the dune
 - replace the mobie mats on Fishermans Road to heavy duty interlocking panels at our expense. The mats that are removed will be reused at other locations.
 - Because the water is no longer visible from the shed, the guards will now set up in tents east of the dune on a daily basis. This includes moving most of the equipment in the shed to the tents on a daily basis. This will increase the expense for lifeguard salaries, as they will now have to come in earlier to setup.
 - Federation of Beaches Meeting Report
 - Jeff mentioned that these meetings have not been particularly helpful; the Township rarely shows up and they become gripe sessions. (Jeff – you may wish to change this...I think I've run out of words)
- **Bay Beach Report**
 - Fred Manuel reported that the Bay Beach area has been cleaned up and is ready for the season.
 - As in the past, the Bay Beach is closed for swimming; there will be no lifeguard on duty.
 - Fred mentioned that there is still room in the north west corner of the Bay Beach that could be used for playground equipment, but this is on hold pending the storage needs for the mobie mats and other equipment from the Ocean Beach.
 - Janet Doremus advised the Members that stinging jellyfish have once again been spotted in the bay; she advised everyone to be very careful in the lagoons and any bay waters.
- **Entertainment Committee Report**
 - Betsy Goor reported that Family Day will be held Saturday 8/31, with a rain date of Sunday 9/1.
 - Betsy has made arrangements for a DJ, various games and a 50/50.
 - Betsy is in need of help; volunteers should contact Betsy at betsygoor@gmail.com
- **Ocean Beach Beautification Committee**
 - Patsy Robinson reported that she will be chairing this Committee. The committee has been formed by volunteers and will be meeting later this month.
 - Patsy mentioned that permission is needed from Toms River, ACE and DEP before most anything is done; so please be patient
 - Patsy mentioned that the scope of the project is defined as, but not limited to:
 - Providing a place to sell badges
 - Providing a place to store lifeguard equipment and provide shelter for the guards during breaks and storms
 - Installing a flag pole (or flag poles -might be nice to have one north and one south so that all can see)
 - Reinstalling the volleyball court
 - Reinstalling bike racks at the entrances

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- Installing benches at the entrances (either at the street side or beach side) for seniors
- Installing planters at the street ends
- Other ideas??
- Patsy also mentioned that the large football field area on the north end will need attention.
- Subsequent to the meeting, Kassie Seiler volunteered to assist the Committee with dealing with Toms River for permits and the like.

• **Slate of Candidates for 2020**

- Janet announced the slate of candidates for 2020:
 - Officers
 - Secretary – Janet Doremus
 - Treasurer – Andrea Greco
 - Trustees
 - Gabby Dudas
 - Betsy Goor
 - Fred Manuel
- Janet also mentioned that we are in need of volunteers for 2 open positions:
 - Insurance Trustee
 - Finance Trustee
 - Subsequent to the meeting, Brian Kirkpatrick volunteered for the Finance Trustee position and was appointed to that position by the EC.

Anyone who is interested in the Insurance Trustee position should contact a Board Member or send an email to silverbeachnj@aol.com no later than July 1st.

• **Old Business**

- There was no old business.

• **New Business**

- Tony Fiorilli commented on the cars parking on the street, dogs and trash on the beach, and kids sitting on the dune fences and garbage in the dunes. Tony was advised that all of these infractions should be reported to the TRPD.
 - Jeff responded that:
 - If your street does not have sufficient No Parking signs, the homeowner should contact the DPW as they are responsible for signs
 - Once the mobie mats are installed, the normal “rules” signs will be posted to discourage people from littering, going on dunes, etc.
 - The fencing that Toms River put in is very chintzy and should not be sat on...the also are very rough and can cause splinters...broken rails should be reported to TR Engineering Department, who will create a work order to repair it could be a slow process

Brian Kirkpatrick asked about the shed on the wide area of the north end of the beach.

- Jeff explained has been used to store lifeguard equipment since Sandy, when the Badge House was destroyed. It is a temporary solution. He explained that the Beach Beautification Committee is charged with recommending a permanent solution for the storage of lifeguard equipment and a place to sell beach badges, among other things. Once the Committee submits their

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recommendations, including cost estimates, the proposal will be presented to the Membership for a vote of approval.

- Marianne Kirkpatrick mentioned that the Volleyball net was sagging because there are no guide wires.
 - Jeff mentioned that it is unknown who put the net up; but the Beach Beautification Committee has ultimate responsibility to determine if and where it should go.
- Bill Bosland questioned if the mobie mats will be picked up over the winter, as he expected they would be covered with sand.
 - Jeff replied that Toms River intends to pick up the ocean side mats, but leave the mats that go over the dunes; we intend to pick up the mats from the dunes to the street and store them at the bay; someone suggested storing them inside the fence at the tennis court to protect them from vandals and theft.
- Tony Maisto commented that there are beer bottles all over the bay beach and the gazebo is full of mildew.
 - Gabby responded that if any sees kids congregating at the Bay Beach, to call TRPD
 - Subsequent to the meeting, Gabby looked at the gazebo and determined there is a small patch of mildew on the roof that will be handled with the fall cleanup.
- John Homiek commented that, since this is a private beach, the TRPD will not enforce the no smoking or other complaints.
 - John was reminded by Lou Amendola that Silver Beach is not a private beach (and never has been), and this is even more true now that the easement has been signed, so TRPD is responsible.
- Ed Skok requested that a new American flag be posted at the Bay Beach.
 - Subsequent to the meeting we were advised by Cap/Ken that putting an American flag at the Bay Beach implies that the beach is open for swimming; since this is not the case, the Red (no swimming) flag, will be the only flag at the bay.
- Kevin Seiler objected to using Face Book for posting local events, rather than the email Updates that have been distributed in the past. Janet Doremus explained that posting on Face Book is much more timely and less labor intensive than creating the email Updates. Since we do not wish to inundate people with frequent emails, often times, the event has passed before it can be distributed. Kevin volunteered to assist in this effort.
- Robyn Schaeffer asked about no smoking on the beach; she was advised that the TRPD should be contacted if there is a problem. There will be a special officer on a quad daily who can handle the situation.
- Melaine Castellone mentioned that people are speeding around the bend on Boatmans Road. She asked if signs with the 10MPH speed limit could be posted again.

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- She was advised to contact the DPW; if there is an ordinance for that speed on that road, Toms River would install the sign.

- **Close of Meeting**

- The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10AM in the Dover Brick First Aid Squad.
- Jeff asked for a motion to close meeting; Brian Kirkpatrick made the motion; Tony Fiorilli seconded and the motion was passed.