

**HSIA BOARD MEETING  
THE KEY SCHOOL  
July 28, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Penn, Kathy McFadden, Jerry Lichtenberg, Lindsay Abruzzo, Brooke George, Steve Vanderbosch, Lori Nichols-Hogbin, Gene Gross, Ray Sullivan, Noel Gasparin (Absent: Amy Donovan)

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:** Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

**GUESTS:** Phil Jones, Ramsey Sirry, Spurgeon Eismeier, Marc Morlock

Mike Penn called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Quorum present.

**MINUTES:** Kathy McFadden moved to approve the June Board meeting minutes. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Gene Gross reported that we have \$485,439.23 in the Operating Account, \$101,149.16 in the Special Tax Account, for a total of \$586,588.39. All budgets are in good shape. **Gene Gross moved the Board approve a \$950 annual fee for the purchase of QuickBooks Premier Hosted online Cloud-Based version to upgrade our current 2013 QuickBooks desktop software paid from the Special Tax Account. Brooke George seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Jean Somers reported that she is leaving for vacation tomorrow. She will be checking the voice mail and email while away.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Mike Penn asked that anyone interested in forming a Nominations Committee, please let him know. Mike will be asking for a Nominations Chair in the September Sea Breeze. Mike turned the floor over to Kathy McFadden to speak about political signs in Hillsmere. Our HSIA Rules and Regulations, #23, states “Political signs supporting or opposing candidates for public office or ballot questions may be placed on privately owned lots by the property owner or resident for up to 30 days before or 7 days after a public election. The signs must be no greater than 2 by 3 feet or equivalent area. Political signs may not be placed on HSIA property.” There are a couple of residents that are posting political signs more than 30 days prior to the upcoming November election. Kathy recommends a form letter stating the rule and saying that the sign needs to come down be prepared and mailed to anyone that violates the rule. We will ask Mac to let us know if he sees political signs on properties. Kathy will draft a form letter.

**PIERS & HARBOR:** Steve Vanderbosch reported that some life ring cabinets have been installed and more to be installed next week. Three slips are vacant. The County has not repaved the first 80 feet of the driveway yet. Steve will talk to the County. Installed Convex mirror at entrance to marina. Rocks delivered. The Piers & Harbor Committee has had requests for a stand-up paddleboard rack. P&H feels that the beach would be a better place for the rack. The Boat Park survey is partially complete. The survey shows we have 15 to 20 feet more

property than we thought we had. There is lots of bamboo on one side. Looking into removing the bamboo. Steve wanted to recognize Norm Johansen who has done a lot of work at the marina.

**POOL:** Brooke George reported that it is all quiet at the pool. The diving board has been removed temporarily because the base was loose. The Pool Committee is excited about income for FY2017. We brought in \$11K more in family memberships this year. We are about \$7K over the proposed budget. Labor Day is the biggest party of the season. The Pool Committee would like to do a catered event. Brooke made the following motions:

1. **Brooke George moved the Board approve NTE \$3,000 to pay for a catered Labor Day party for pool members, paid from the pool operating budget (parties). Lindsay Abruzzo seconded the motion.** Discussion. Noel Gasparin feels this is a volunteer organization and doesn't think \$3,000 for a pool party is appropriate. Brooke George mentioned that all the volunteers have worked really hard and it's a lot of work to host the largest party of the season. **Vote taken – 7 in favor; 1 opposed (Ray Sullivan).**
2. **Brooke George moved the Board approve \$1,787 to keep the pool open additional days after Labor Day, funds to come out of the pool operating budget (Pool Management). The pool will be open Friday, September 9, 4-8 pm, Saturday and Sunday, September 10 & 11, 11 am – 7 pm. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**
3. **Brooke George moved the Board approve NTE 8,500 from the Special Tax account to replace the pool cover; Custom Meyco Safety cover to be purchased by Anchor Aquatics; cost is all inclusive for cover, hardware, shipping, and installation. Lindsay Abruzzo seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

**BEACH:** Marilyn Carpenter reported on the following.

Completed projects:

- Painting at small pavilion is completed. Thanks to Gene Gross for coordinating.
- Electricity is working at large pavilion.
- Rope fencing is done. Thanks to Steve Wagner for improving the look of our fencing.
- Rules & regulations signs have been made.

Projects in process:

- Steve Wagner is looking into mounting the signs. If that is a problem, we will have Designs & Signs do the job.
- Three new tables have been ordered for the small pavilion. When the two adult & 1 youth tables arrive, Mike Penn & Steve Vanderbosch will look into securing them.
- The large pavilion is getting its final coat of paint.
- A new shower handle has been ordered. The old handle no longer turned properly. Someone pulled it the wrong way.

Concern:

On the evening of July 18, somebody broke the handles to the rake and broom by the small pavilion. The trash can for ashes was tipped over and the lid was thrown on the puddles. Marilyn will purchase a rake and a broom.

Mike Penn spoke about the swing at the beach. Sandy Anderson donated the swing, but unfortunately, the swing was not a high enough quality for our beach and the swing broke. **Ray Sullivan moved the Board approve \$1,500 plus shipping and installation for a replacement swing at the beach. Kathy McFadden seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.** A resident called to complain about the bees in the sand at the beach. The bees can be found in the sandy area by the large swing set and in the sand at the volleyball court. Noel Gasparin went to look at the situation. The bees are at our beach this time every year. They are low flying and have a life cycle of 3-4 weeks. The only way to control them is to spray insecticide in the sand and Noel is not comfortable with that being so close to the water. The Board agreed to leave the bees alone. Jean Somers will make sure anyone that has a beach reservation is aware of the bees.

**COMMUNITY CENTER:** The Community Center Committee wants to do a presentation to the Board at the August Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Brooke George questioned the progress on the new website? HSIA needs to decide who we want to use and how much it will cost. Ramsey Sirry, 110 Carroll Drive, came to the meeting to discuss his neighbor's property at 108 Carroll Drive owned by John Cochran. There is a renter living in the home that is running a scrap metal company from the home. The home and lawn is a mess. Mr. Sirry has contacted the County and the owner, but is not getting any help or cooperation. Is seeking help from HSIA.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The "Bill Anderson" sign was hung at the marina by mistake and was up for a few hours. Steve Vanderbosch took the sign down. We are waiting for Sandy and the family to decide what they want the sign to say.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers  
Administrator