

**HSIA BOARD MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
March 26, 2015**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Penn, Brooke George, Mark Carroll, Steve Vanderbosch, Helene Raven, Suzanne Martin, Bill Anderson (Absent: Jerry Lichtenberg, Kathy McFadden, Noel Gasparin, Ray Sullivan)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers, Jim Schwallenberg

GUESTS: Sandra Anderson, Wayne Martin

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

MINUTES: Mark Carroll motioned to approve the February Board meeting minutes. Suzanne Martin seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Suzanne Martin reported that we have \$328,222.45 in the General Fund; \$76,342.88 in the Special Tax Fund; for a total of \$404,565.33. Suzanne presented an amended General Fund budget. Suzanne and Jim Schwallenberg will look into putting some reserve dollars into an interest bearing account called "Reserve Account." **Helene Raven motioned the Board approve the General Fund budget as amended. Mark Carroll seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

BUILDING PERMITS: Bill Anderson mentioned that if anyone on the Board sees construction in the community, please notify Bill to make sure he knows about it.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

1. Jean Somers reported on timeline for electronic *Sea Breeze*. We are announcing in *the Sea Breeze* that if anyone wants a hard copy, to please "opt-in" by letting Jean know. Currently, 30 residents have opted-in for a hard copy of *the Sea Breeze*. We will continue to notify residents and will launch the electronic link email with the July/August 2015 issue.
2. We have announced the 7th annual Easter Egg Tree contest. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to a local ice cream shop. Leslie Donaldson requested Hillsmere provide a sign-on-stake to be placed in her front yard announcing the Contest. No objections from the Board.
3. Jean requested the Board approve the Lighthouse Run For Shelter to take place in Hillsmere on Sunday, September 27. The Race begins in Quiet Waters Park. Half marathon runners exit the Park and run through Hillsmere, and return to finish the race in the Park. All parking for the race is in Quiet Waters Park. **Suzanne Martin motioned the Board approve the Run For Shelter for Sunday, September 27. Helene Raven seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**
4. Hillsmere resident Laura DiBerardinis requested a collection for Back Pack Buddies take place at the Easter Egg Hunt at the beach. Much discussion. Jean will contact Kate Penn, Beach Chair, to discuss.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mike Penn mentioned that residents on Maple Drive have stepped up to be the first “street” to host our June Happy Hour at the beach. Mike has received complaints about cars parked on Hillsmere Drive. Suzanne Martin asked if we’ve heard anything from the County regarding the house at 105 Huse Drive. Much discussion. Kari Lopes is slated to be Beach Co-Chair along with Kate Penn.

POOL: Brooke George reported that pool house renovations started today. The demolition starts tomorrow. Brooke has done research on alcohol rules at pools. Brooke spoke with Dan Friel, our State Farm insurance agent. State Farm’s position on alcohol is that if Hillsmere residents are not breaking a County rule, then State Farm does not have a problem with alcohol at the pool. The Anne Arundel County Liquor Board and Continental Pools said it is up to the community whether or not to allow alcohol at the pool. Much discussion. Will discuss further at a future meeting. Brooke George has arranged for Dan Friel to attend the May Board meeting to answer questions. **Brooke George motioned the Board approve NTE \$2000 for Mid-Atlantic Water Services to update the water conditioner at the pool. Mark Carroll seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Mark Carroll motioned the Board approve the Hillsmere Elementary 5th Grade graduation party at the Hillsmere pool for June 18th. Brooke George seconded the motion.** Angie Carroll will be the point of contact and will collect all guest fees and pool party fees and security deposit. **Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

SECURITY: Nothing to report.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Suzanne Martin reported for Kathy McFadden that the Welcoming Committee is handing out 5 welcome bags this weekend.

BEACH: Mike Penn mentioned that there is a beach cleanup scheduled for this Sunday. We will be planting the slope, raking, weeding, and performing miscellaneous tasks.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Nothing to report. Suzanne Martin questioned whether the foundation is secure at the community center through hurricanes and natural disasters? Mike Penn had O’Neil Builders look at the community center and the foundation is in good shape.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch mentioned that we will be making another \$20,000 payment toward the principal on the loan. Ice eaters have been removed. Water will be turned on mid-April. We’ve heard from all by 10 slip renters. Steve will be contacting the 10. We have 9 vacant slips and 3 new slip holders. The Slips Committee is busy moving people around. Steve feels it was helpful to have moved up the payment deadline. More slips are rented sooner. Steve is working on calibrating new gate card keys. Marina signs are being fabricated. Speed bumps are to be installed. There have been complaints about the pet waste station not being emptied. Steve presented landscape proposals for the marina (attached). **Steve Vanderbosch motioned the Board accept the proposal of The Landscape Design Center, Edgewater, MD for landscaping at the Marina, and approve a contract with The Landscape Design Center in an amount NTE \$3000 in Special Tax Funds. Suzanne Martin seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Lawn Maintenance Contracts: Bill Anderson presented bids for community lawn maintenance. **Bill Anderson motioned the Board approve Price Cutters for the 2015 Lawn Maintenance contract. Suzanne Martin seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator