

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
March 12, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Shuman, Bruce Walker, Sue Miller, Noel Gasparin, Mark Jones, Ray Sullivan, Kate Penn

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Donna Shuman, Chris Elkington, Bill Malamphy, Tom Trimmer, Doug Colley, Phil Jones, Fred Sandford, Michael Gray, Sue DuPont, Jeri Singleton, Chris Moore, Angie Carroll, Colleen O'Connell Mitchell, Kevin Green, Laura DiBerardinis, Liz Slear, Kim Proctor, Barbara Zelle, Donald Hunter, Jennie Gunderson, Carl Corse, Paulette Schwallenberg, Tom Schwallenberg, Liz Gruber, Al Gruber, Danielle Brooks

Bill Shuman called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. This is a continuation of our January General Meeting that did not have a quorum present.

BUDGET: Bruce Walker motioned HSIA adopt the Piers & Harbor and General Fund budgets for FY2010. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Questions and answers followed. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

Bill Shuman adjourned the continuation of the January General Meeting and called to order the March General meeting at 7:20 pm

Minutes from the January General Meeting were distributed and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bruce Walker gave an overview of the current budget. We received a check from the County in the amount of \$62,700. Piers & Harbor budget – 11 slips not receiving rent last fiscal year. We collected 2 in February and 4 more at Come And Get It Day – 5 still outstanding.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nothing to report. Bill Shuman introduced Bea Poulin, Anne Arundel County Specialist. Bea reported that the new fire station on Arundel on the Neck Road will be completed this summer. The County is working on a street lighting program to enhance public safety. More lighting will be added to Forest Drive between Robinwood and Hillsmere. The Quiet Waters Park Ice Rink was very successful this year. The rink made \$185,000. If you want to be added to the email list to receive the electronic County newsletter, please contact Bea.

STORM WATER COMMITTEE: Ray Sullivan reported that the Stormwater Committee has been walking watershed areas in Hillsmere to identify stormwater problems. The Committee has put together a management plan so individual homeowners can learn more about managing stormwater on their properties. Carl Corse spoke about the study done on 105 Steffey Drive. The owner of 105 Steffey is asking for a variance to build on the lot and this could cause many stormwater problems for neighbors and for the community. A lot of stormwater flows over this property and into Lake Hillsmere. Chris Elkington mentioned a tax credit that a property owner could get for an array of things you could do on your property to help with stormwater management.

BEACH: Kate Penn reported that the Board has entered into a contract with Environmental Systems Analysis to do a comprehensive study of the shoreline at the beach. The study period is six months to a year. We will invite ESA to a general meeting in the future to present pros and cons of the study. The Board has approved a contract to replace damaged playground equipment. There are two beach work projects scheduled for March 28 (to spruce up the beach before the Easter Egg Hunt) and April 25 (Earth Day Celebration). The Beach Committee is still exploring the parking lot. Permeable pavers for the parking lot are too expensive.

DUVALL CREEK DREDGING: Bruce Walker reported on the dredging of Duvall Creek. The actual dredging was scheduled for November 2011. Water Improvement Funds are frozen. However, the permitting will still be done this year. The dredging project is large enough for 100% state funding when funds become available. Spur workshops should happen in the Spring.

POOL LEASE: Bill Shuman reported on the renewal of the pool lease. The pool is built on HSIA property and leased to Hillsmere Pool Association. The lease expires June 4, 2011. No one on the HSIA Board has any intention of getting rid of the pool. The Pool Lease Committee Chair, Kate Penn, reported that HSIA convened a Pool Lease Committee comprised of HSIA and HPA members. The Committee has been meeting for four months. The Committee is using Hillsmere survey results and many other factors to determine the new lease. A rough draft has been drafted. Kate Penn took questions from the floor. There were many comments from the membership. One HPA member stated that you can't cut the fees too low because it will allow the undesirables to get into the pool. Another HPA member stated that if HSIA would not play ball, the pool members should bulldoze the pool and fill it in. Other HPA members asked where are all these people who want to utilize the pool – name them. Another comment was that you couldn't just open the pool up to more Hillsmere residents because there would be too many people in the pool and you could not have a quality swim.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator