

**HSIA BOARD MEETING
VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
October 29, 2020**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Gross, Maureen Sherer, Claire Corcoran, Mike Wurst, Steve Vanderbosch, Phil Jones, Ray Sullivan, Dave Miles (Absent: Mike Waters, Jay Harper, Chris Grim)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Tom Schwallenberg, Kevin Green, Cathy Mahon

The meeting began at 7:02 pm. Due to COVID-19, this is a Zoom meeting, so members are joining virtually over the internet.

AGENDA: No Agenda submitted.

MINUTES: Phil Jones moved the Board approve the September Board Meeting minutes. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Gene Gross reported we have \$269,501.08 in the Operating Account; \$400,347.68 in the money market accounts; \$278,987.78 in the Special Tax Account; for a total of \$948,836.54 as of September 30, 2020. Gene reported on the FY2022 budget. Gene will reach out to Teresa Sutherland for review of our Special Tax budget; Piers & Harbor budget mirrors last year’s budget; need to get the Pool budget. Gene took questions. Maureen Sherer asked about the nettle nets. Maureen would like \$800 as a line item for the nets. Gene Gross responded that the nets are covered under Repairs & Maintenance. The Board supports the maintenance and the lowering/raising of the nettle nets without needing a line item. Discussion. Maureen agreed to keep the funding for the nettle nets under Repairs & Maintenance.

SECRETARY REPORT: Mike Wurst – nothing to report

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Jean Somers reported we cancelled Halloween events and cancelled the annual Oyster Roast due to COVID-19. Elections of Officers – ballot and bios in the November Sea Breeze. Ballots can be sent by postal mail, email, or in person at the community house on Thursday, November 12. Annapolis Run For The Lighthouse is looking to confirm their 2021 date. They are requesting Sunday, September 21, 2021. They have submitted HSIA’s Race Course Event Markings Guidelines. **Ray Sullivan moved the Board approve The Run for the Lighthouse for Sunday, September 21, 2021. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

ENVIRONMENT: Kevin Green reported as follows:

1. Community planting grant --Families are scheduled as volunteers to work together in family groups due to COVID-19 for tree planting. One family has already planted trees at the community house. Four more families are scheduled. One steward is assigned to each family group, working at a safe distance. Everyone is social distancing.

2. Kevin introduced Kathy Mahon. Kathy is having drainage issues in the easement along the side of her property. There is also a large tree that might need to be removed, blocking the easement. The soil is wet and Kathy's garage floods. Kathy believes that HSIA owns the easement between her address and her neighbor – 99 and 101 Lakeview Drive. Phil Jones confirmed that there is a drainage easement on this lot. Steve Vanderbosch mentioned if Hillsmere owns the easement, Hillsmere can remove the tree if the County approves removal. Steve recommends we take this under advisement, find out the cost, and have board members go take a look. Kathy will call Bartlett Tree Service and have an arborist determine if the tree needs to come down.

3. Boat Park – two families complained about plantings at the back of the Boat Park. These plantings would inhibit the residents' view of Duvall Creek. The tree plantings are on hold per Mike Waters. Trees planned will be planted at the Beach Drive boat ramp. The Boat Park area is a sensitive area and needs to be stabilized. HSIA has a Vegetation Management Plan and the county approved the Plan. The landscape design for 3' high shrubs and trees is on hold, per Mike Waters, even though Steve Vanderbosch and Kevin Green objected. Landscape Architect, Chris Moore, is working on a revision.

BEACH: Maureen Sherer reported on the following:

1. Tom Schwallenberg has secured the nettle nets for winter.
2. Phil Jones has replaced some worn fixtures on the playground equipment.
3. Grill ashes removed.
4. Beach water will be turned off (& line purged) by the end of the month.
5. Four cracked playground sliding boards are being evaluated.
6. Encouraging carry in, carry out trash
7. Landscaping Report:
 - I. Tree planning - These are not quite the six trees we requested (including red maples, sycamore, & bayberry), but were those made available to us on planting day. I have serious reservations about the pin oak being an appropriate tree for the location. I recommend it be transplanted away from the beach, and a red maple planted there as originally planned. Kevin Green will see if there is a tree to swap with the pin oak. There is an overall beach landscaping scheme consistent with the Five Year Plan and preserving recreational open space. Haphazard planting must not be done at the beach. All trees will be irrigated and tended regularly for several seasons. 7 trees (week of Oct 17):
 - i. Sweetbay Magnolia along western border
 - ii. Sweetbay Magnolia just west of tire swing
 - iii. Sycamore just west of small play area
 - iv. Red maple near tree lost in the tornado (also put grass seed w/straw in area)
 - v. Black cherry along eastern border
 - vi. Black cherry near eastern gate
 - vii. Pin oak near tree lost to disease near large play area.

 - II. The little gardens have been prepared for winter.
 - III. Four of the five mums planted (10/15) at the street-side main beach sign were stolen within 4 days.

- IV. Phragmites removal, method without herbicide from WA state. There is a serious infestation of Phragmites in several areas at the beach – a large patch near the eastern tip, some along the natural shoreline, and some in the rain garden. Project will start next summer. It will be a labor intensive project of several years, and it may not work. Nevertheless, it seems worth trying because it circumvents herbicides.
- V. Hole caused by overland flow (west end of open beach): This hole is quite noticeable after a heavy rain event. Then it gets mostly filled in after a few tide changes. The walkway (plastic slats & paved) along the western edge of the beach property seems to be concentrating the storm water flow. We need to observe this area in conjunction with its hydrology and formulate a remediation plan.
- VI. Discussion of stormwater at the beach.

Maureen Sherer made the following motions:

1. **Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the purchase of a grill to replace the grill lost to corrosion near the Walker Pavilion NTE \$1000. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**
2. **Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the purchase of a children’s picnic table for the small pavilion to enhance seating, NTE \$1000. Steven Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**
3. **Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the purchase of 12 Du Mor Bench 88 replacement slats for the benches to replace broken and cracked slats, NTE \$2000. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Much discussion on benches. Current benches keep cracking; might need a new design. Agreement to order the 12 slats for now. Vote taken – 6 in favor (Steve Vanderbosch, Phil Jones, Claire Corcoran, Maureen Sherer, Mike Wurst, Gene Gross); 2 opposed (Ray Sullivan, Dave Miles); motion passed.**

COMMUNITY HOUSE: Tom Schwallenberg reported that the well and water system is complete. Tom wants to put a water softener in the house. The softener will take out the iron and bacteria. **Dave Miles moved the Board purchase a water-softening system NTE \$1000. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

PERMITS: Dave Miles reported on a builder insisting he will get a variance because he shouldn’t have to build a house less than 40 feet wide. Dave suggested he needs to do something about residents that submit plans, get a permit, and then do something different.

SECURITY: Claire Corcoran reported that there are a few more car breakins. Reminder to lock your car. Mac’s schedule is 35 hours a week; 7 hours/5 days a week.

ZONING: Claire Corcoran is waiting for the County to come out to cite something.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch reported on the following:

1. Winterization – Gene’s Plumbing cannot do our winterization because they lost staff. Heidler can’t give a price, but Steve scheduled Heidler for November 12. **Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve Heidler to winterize the marina water system NTE \$2000. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

2. Ice Eaters – Steve reported that we normally have a work party to install ice eaters, but not sure we're doing that because of COVID-19. May handle this with small groups spread out over a couple of days. Steve will price out also.
3. Posted Reserve Study on Piers & Harbor webpage. Recommending accumulating \$80,000 per year.
4. Security camera system installing slowly.
5. Shorepower pedestal is complete, waiting for County inspection.
6. Nothing done with gravel issue yet.

POOL: Phil Jones raised a question regarding the status of the pool contract. Phil will email Danielle Franz, Pool Chair and 'cc' the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Somers
Administrator