

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
KEY SCHOOL IN PERSON & VIRTUAL
July 13, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Wurst, Maureen Sherer, Ray Sullivan, Claire Corcoran, Kevin Green (Absent: Christian Elkington, Tom Anderson, Gene Gross, Timothy Cantor, Steve Vanderbosch)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Charmaine Rostein, Tom Schwallenberg, Paulette Schwallenberg, John Barbo, Helene Raven

GUESTS JOINING VIRTUALLY: Teresa Sutherland, Rebecca Ostrow, Lisa Zimmerman, Patrice Teetermoran, Laura Teetermoran

Claire Corcoran called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. No quorum.

MINUTES: Since no quorum is present, the May General Meeting minutes will be approved at the September General Meeting.

OPENING COMMENTS: Tom Anderson not present. Claire Corcoran reported on the following:

1. Board member Adam Blugis has resigned. We need to fill his position.
2. We are looking for a Nominating Chair for the upcoming Board of Director elections. Helene Raven volunteered to join the Nominations Committee.
3. We have new security guards – AA County and State Troopers. One police officer is in charge of the group. Claire shared info on the guards and how the system works and took questions. Teresa Sutherland inquired about what can be done for residents that don't want to put stickers on their cars for security purposes. Teresa is requesting Hillsmere have a neutral sticker with just a number that wouldn't indicate the community where she lives. Claire said this is a good topic for the new Security Chair and Claire will email her.
4. Mike Waters is Chairing the new Field Committee for the purpose of determining the best use of the grassy area surrounding the pool.
5. Looking to hire a Property Manager to oversee contracts and work with contractors. The Executive Board will interview candidates.
6. The entrance has been cleaned up. Thank you to Sandy Anderson for beautification work done on the first island.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers reported that the July 4th Bicycle Parade was a success. Thank you to Stacie May for organizing the event. The July 14th Happy Hour will be 5-8 pm. On September 9, the Moxie Blues Band will play at the beach.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Kevin Green reported on the Living Shoreline at the marina. Bacteria levels at the beach are high due to geese droppings. We are looking to purchase a new nettle net for next year.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES: Helene Raven reported on upcoming events to include the July 14 Happy Hour, the August 5 Ice Cream Social, and September 9 Moxie Blues Band at the Beach.

ANNAPOLIS NECK PENINSULA FEDERATION: Ray Sullivan reported that Anastasia Hopkins, Vice President of the ANPF, is putting together a letter to send to Steuart Pittman requesting he let us know the status of the lease at the Retreat at Quiet Waters Park. Claire Corcoran read the letter. Discussion.

BEACH: Maureen Sherer is not present, but submitted the following Hillsmere Shores Beach Projects – Year End Summary, July 2022 – June 2023 report.

July 2022

Shoreline

- Beach Nourishment/Sand Replenishment: mailed form (Abbreviated Joint Federal/State Application for the Alteration of any Tidal Wetland &/or Tidal Waters in Maryland) and supporting documents to Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)/ Water & Science Administration, with accompanying application fee (issued by HSIA to MDE), 7/24.
- Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for cutting phragmites in eastern natural shoreline renewed by Anne Arundel County, 7/9.
- Precision cutting of phragmites in eastern natural shoreline by volunteers.
- Jellyfish nets let down and patched by Tommy Grierson, 7/17.

Parking Lot

- Asphalt portion sealed by ECM, 7/13.
- Gravel portion replenished by ECM, 7/24.

August 2022 - Precision cutting of phragmites in eastern natural shoreline by volunteers.

September 2022 - Concrete bulkhead repaired by Pastrana & Sons; Parking lot pot hole patched by Phil Jones (volunteer); Precision cutting of phragmites in eastern natural shoreline by volunteers.

October 2022 - Eastern riprap bulkhead and immediate surroundings (sinkhole) repaired by Paydirt, LLC; Jellyfish nets rolled up by Tommy Grierson; Rinse station winterized by Gene's Plumbing.

November 2022 - Landscape roping replaced

December 2022 - Playground suspension bridge repaired.

February 2023 - Wetlands License #22-0841 issued by Maryland Board of Public Works, 2/21. (Now we await federal approval from the original Joint Federal/State application.)

April 2023 - Extensive weeding and grounds-keeping maintenance performed by Aguilar Landscaping, 4/4 & 4/7.

May 2023 - Rinse station repaired (fully operational) by Gene's Plumbing, 5/15 & 5/19; Assessment of all Beach trees performed by three arborists (Davey Tree, 5/24; Richards Tree,

5/25; Bartlett Tree, 6/16); Precision cutting of phragmites in eastern natural shoreline by volunteers.

June 2023

- Volleyball court: 20 tons of masonry sand delivered by Cole Ventures; spread by donated service of Charles Abbotts Backhoe, 6/19.
- Application for renewal of VMP for eastern natural shoreline submitted to AA County, 6/15.
- Treatment plan for Beach trees developed.
- Western gardens and surrounding areas hand-weeded by Jose Lopez, 6/26.
- Precision cutting of phragmites in eastern natural shoreline by volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Helene Raven wanted everyone to know about communication with the County through SeeClickFix. Helene mentioned that using this service is not always the best way to communicate with the County. The best way to communicate is to contact the County directly. For serious complaints, contact the County Zoning Enforcement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator