

# Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 6/30/2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:10. The following leadership team members were in attendance: Rob Vidal, Dan Von Schaumberg, Joe Oliver, Karen Drucker, Denise Cleveland and Barbara Bishop.

The summary of the General Membership Meeting 6/4/2022 was approved. (There were no minutes from 5/26/2022)

Treasurer's Report – Rob reported the current balance in the TD Account as \$2113.77. His report was accepted. We picked up several new members following the general membership meeting in June.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Beautification** – Dan reported that his group of volunteers continues to meet on a regular basis. There is a problem with the grasses near the Purple Martin house with no known cause. The suspicion is that the long Nor'easter at the beginning of May is the culprit. Barbara will research the garden maintenance at the north end of the boat ramp area to determine if we can supply volunteers in that area.

**Bike/Pedestrian Safety/ Bike Rodeo**– Karen reported on our participation in the successful bike rodeo organized by the Kiwanis Club. It was held at the LBI School. SBTA provided 100 bike light sets donated by Niteize to the students. A thank you to the company will be sent along with several photos of the event. Other participants were the LBI Health Department with summer sun cautions, Officer Megan Keller of the Long Beach Island Police Department with bike safety tips, mechanics from Walter's Bikes who did a safety check of each participant's bike and the Ship Bottom Police who set up and monitored the skill riding course. We decided to participate in this event next year.

We continue gathering the information and design of the safety cards that we will have printed with our and the police's logos and contact information to be distributed by our local realtors.

**Membership/Newsletter** – Barbara reported that she will hold a meeting in July of all those who have volunteered to be block captains. The objective will be to solicit input from these volunteers as to projects and events that we may want to hold. These volunteers will be one of the ways we can get information out to a wider audience, get more participation and increase our membership.

**JCTA** – Denise reported that the Flooding Committee will be meeting in July.

## Old Business

**Ship Bottom Budget** - Barbara reported on the first meeting with Kathleen Flanagan to answer our questions. The budgeting process is complex resulting in a temporary budget for appropriations only being in place from January until the budget is actually passed by council usually in May. If we want to have input into the budget process we need to present our requests in the fall prior to the first meetings with the department heads.

**Beach Clean-up** – ALO will be holding their Beach Sweeps cleanup 10/22/2022. We would rather hold a town-wide cleanup in mid-September. It was suggested that we contact the Scouts for volunteers and others who need to earn community service credits. Barbara will contact the Boy Scouts.

**Dune Fencing/signage** – Barbara reported that there will not be new fencing placed on the beaches. New signage has been ordered to replace those that have disappeared or have faded and can't be read. It was suggested that some of the signage face the east so that as folks are coming off the beach they are reminded to keep off the dunes.

**SBFD 100 year events** - A motion was made by Joe and seconded by Dan that we sponsor a hole at each of the two mini Golf Tournaments. One at Sandtrap and one at Hartman's at a cost of \$50.00 each.

## New Business

**Recap of Membership Meeting** – Everyone agreed that the first in person membership meeting was successful.

We decided that our next membership meeting will be on Saturday 9/10/2022. This meeting will require that a slate of candidates will be presented to the membership for the year 2022-2023.

**\*\*\*\*\*Barbara requested that each leadership team member currently serving let her know by the end of July if they are willing to serve another year or wish to be replaced.**

At least 3 team members will have to be replaced so that we can get into the two year term schedule outlined in our by-laws.

**Walkways to beach** - All walkways are now cleared for easier access. The only ADA compliant walkways are at 15<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> streets which have the zig-zag graduated incline and a hard surface mat on the beach itself. Other designated handicapped entrances only mean that there is a designated handicapped parking space at that street with no additional help on the walkway itself.

Discussion also resulted in a suggestion that we research the possibility of providing bike racks at as many beach entrances as possible. Barbara will research if Public Works can build these. We may want to hold a fund raiser to provide the money for this project.

**JCTA ad in Sandpaper** - the proposed ad will show all of the fire companies and first aid squads on the island and will have the logos of the taxpayer associations. Purpose is to encourage everyone to contribute to these essential services. Further information will be provided following the JCTA meeting 7/11/2022. Approximate reduced cost is \$800.00 and will come from the JCTA treasury.

**Web Site** – Barbara continues to gather information from the web designer who did the Barnegat Light Taxpayers website. Joe and Rob assured us that we can maintain the website ourselves once it is designed and up and running.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully Submitted

Barbara Bishop

**Next Meeting THURSDAY 7/28/2022**