

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 07/06/23

Attendees: Karen Drucker, Kat Leifeste, John Hiros and Greg Fath

Meeting opened at 7:04 pm with a review of the agenda. Afterwards, minutes from the 06/08/23 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Balance in account is reconciled at \$2,385.04. Rob provided his monthly treasurer's report for June via email, along with the monthly TD Bank statement. Only one deposit for \$35, no withdrawals. Karen pointed out that there will be a \$63 check coming out of our account for supporting the National Night Out event happening next month.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – John said that there is a group of folks (he is one of them) who come at 9 am to clean up Sunset Point every Wednesday. Karen will have this posted on our website to encourage more people to help out when they can.

Bike/Pedestrian Safety – Issue closed. Karen's efforts have led to increased awareness.

Membership – The board decided that this needs to be our next joint effort. Karen has done some research and said she has a link for all Ship Bottom homeowner's addresses. She is going to see if we can have either labels or a postcard with these addresses pre-printed to be included with a mailing. John agreed to draft a list of accomplishments for the SBTA. Greg agreed to take that info to draft a letter or some form of announcement to go with the "to be determined" mailing. Our target date is early August.

Newsletter/Facebook – Kat did a great job with the newsletter and it has been published. We agreed to try to do these quarterly, with the next one sent out around 10/1. As for Facebook, we are going to monitor postings and remove/block any that are inappropriate.

JCTA – Karen and Greg attended their last meeting on July 5th. They are open to purchasing some butterfly feeders and a plaque in memory of Barbara Bishop at Sunset Point. Karen will be providing the JCTA with associated costs. In addition, the JCTA proposed compiling a video forum for the Wind Farms project. They asked to canvass our board's interest and involvement. Based on past precedent, we voted to not partake in this endeavor.

Old Business:

Ship Bottom Budget – We are tabling this for now. We are focusing our efforts on the membership drive.

Insurance – Greg received quotes for both Director & Officer insurance along with General Liability insurance. Rates were \$957 & \$501 respectively. Neither include event insurance coverage. The board decided to wait until after our membership drive as we will need funds for that effort as well. Greg will notify our agent.

New Business:

By-Laws and Board Meetings – The board voted to accept the changes Greg sent out to amend the By-Laws regarding term limits and Karen will have the old By-Laws replaced on our website. In addition, the board also voted to keep our internal meetings closed to the public. We will continue to share information via email and the website.

Monthly Borough Meetings – The board voted to have one of our members attend each township meeting. We will rotate this responsibility amongst ourselves. John will attend the next Land Use meeting (7/19) and Greg will attend the next Town Council meeting (7/27).

Event Planning:

General Membership Meeting / Elections – John volunteered to chair this effort and said he would be reaching out for Denise to assist. The tentative date is September 23rd at 10 am. Karen is going to ask Chief Potter to be our guest speaker. She will also see if Ferrara's will donate donuts again and Kat will look into getting waters. We will also need to come up with an agenda for the meeting. On a related note, John said we need to discuss open board positions and nominees for such. In the interim, he is going to reach out for Dan Von Schaumburg to see if he'd rejoin the group as a voting member until after our general membership meeting. Karen will continue to act as President and we will leave the VP position open.

Quick Hits:

- Karen is going to reach out to Kathleen Flanagan to see who is paying for the various lawsuits regarding the potential sale/closing of one of the elementary schools.
- Karen is going to check with PBA about getting free T-Shirts for us to distribute.
- Greg is going to reach out for our new public works official regarding maintenance of sidewalks and overgrown weeds. He will also inquire about blue mats for more of our beach entrances. We were told that Surf City has them on all their beaches now. If anyone has anything to add or want to ask public works, please let Greg know!
- Kat & Karen attended the Brant Beach Taxpayers general meeting last month. They had a speaker from the Ocean Action Committee. Outside of that topic, they also discussed membership and shared a brochure that highlighted some of their accomplishments, along with a list of Ongoing and Future Projects. Their brochure is attached to the email.
- Finally, we discussed the importance of attending our meetings and ways to make them more accessible for our members. We are open to a different meeting date or rotating days, rather than every Thursday. Also, we know that the next two meetings will be very important and we are asking everyone to make their best efforts to attend. We then voted to skip the October meeting to give everyone a break and maybe skip one of the winter sessions as well.

Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg Fath.

NEXT MEETING DATES: August 3rd and September 7th (subject to change based on last bullet point listed above)