

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda 05/05/2025 – 4:30 pm

Location: 139 E 14th St & Zoom Call

Present – Greg Fath, John Hiros, John Montone, Joanne Tallon, Kat Leifeste Via Zoom – Blair Stiefbold, Karen Cygal

Approval of minutes – April Minutes Motion for approval by John Hiros and Seconded by John Montone – approved by all

Treasurer's Report – Blair report attached. Balance \$9,083.36. He also submitted the annual report at cost of \$30.50

Guest Speaker – Roger Bacharach (artist) - called in and proposed promoting the arts in Ship Bottom. He is willing to put a proposal of his ideas together and submit it to Greg to be reviewed by the board.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Dan (Sunset Point) – as of 4/30 there is \$4,100 in bank account. Town cut back the sea grass. John M (General) – Kline Brothers to begin this week: Barricades up blocking the parking spaces along the blvd side of the cutout

Other ideas – CVS on 8th St, Joanne stated that Wainwright will begin after the road construction is completed

Dollar General (ugly façade) - addressed by us twice

Replace trees when removed for construction – there is an ordinance addressing this

Membership – Karen C

- Total membership 158 (last year 164) 110 renewals, 48 new members (67% renewal rate)
- Will send out email to those who have not renewed yet tonight
- Will bring a QR code to the Spring Fling (brochure QR code still works – can bring a few to event)
- Greg has been updating membership list through in our Gmail account – Has an active new 2025 list
- Karen to develop benefits of sponsorship bullet points and send out an email to businesses

Communications – Anne C asked that we “like” SBTA posts on Facebook (e.g. Chalk Art)

Anne and Dan were amazing in getting info out on social media about the Chalk Art event

JCTA – Will share next set of minutes after their meeting tonight

Old Business

Chalk Art Recap – Kat. All agreed it was a great event and the quality of the drawings were extremely strong – made it tough for the judges to decide on winners.

- Judging proposal for next year from Linda Ramsey and Lori Bonnani
 - Develop categories for art
 - Have participants sign up for a category at registration

- Develop a point system to be able to score work (creativity, composition, space filled, adhering to theme)
- Main prize and then 2nd and 3rd place with lesser gift cards from Michaels, etc
- FB post – Some difficulty getting permission to put folks on the FB page (parental permission for minors) Put a waiver on the registration sheet
- Sandpaper –
 - Took a second request to have event placed on the community calendar
 - Reminded them 3 times that we wanted a photographer for the day of. He arrived around 2PM (when work was almost completed) for photos
- Joanne suggested having a shell painting table for little ones to do

Business Spotlight – volunteer for contacting next sponsor (Dave Hartman is interested)

- Joanne to interview him
- Kat to send questions to her

New Business

Meeting with Fire Dept – Friday, May 9th @ 2 pm

- Upset that they are not receiving a new fire engine
- LBT is offering to give money toward one since Ship Bottom covers them from 31st St to 95th
- Town Council to meet with them earlier in the day on Friday

Adopt A Dune –

- Greg spoke to LBT to see what they have done Kathleen Flannigan on board. Does not need to be every street to start. Responsibility is to keep the entryways clean and safe
- Mobi Mats will go on dunes that are not designated for vehicle beach access

Spring Fling – May 31st from 4-6 pm. How to advertise for it, what should we be planning?

- 1223 Barnegat Ave – Frank and Patti Mancino will provide light appetizers - we will reimburse
- Bring your own drink
- Ample parking on the street
- Board members to get there early to help set up
- Will advertise on Facebook, website, and via email, also word of mouth
- Invite members and encourage them to bring a neighbor

Board picture for website – will take at Spring Fling

Toy Box Update – JoAnne

- Town will clean up beach prior to Memorial Day and put out our toybox
- Once the box is there, members will be encouraged to put gently used toys in the box via curb alert

New Business –

- Last School Board meeting started an hour earlier –asked if the emergency reserve fund is still available in case repair money is needed for repairs, etc no one wanted to answer
 - 42% of the students are from off island (this is the maximum allowed)
- Pickleball status re: new court – Greg to check with Kristy
- September date for general membership meeting to be set in July

Monthly Borough Meetings (calendar with rotating volunteers to attend) – Whomever attends should send a “highlights” recap to our board which can also be sent to all active members via email.

Land Use Board mtg: Tuesday, May 20th -Joanne

Town Council mtg: Tuesday, May 27th - Greg

School Board mtg: Tuesday, May 20th – Kat

NEXT SBTA MEETING: June 2, 2025 – Start Time 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Secretary