

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 10/06/2025 – 4:30 pm

Location: 16th Street Office

Present – Greg Fath, John Montone, Karen Drucker, Joanne Tallon, John Hiros, Kat Leifeste

On Zoom – Blair Stiefbold, Don Van Schaumburg

Approval of minutes – September Minutes & Annual Meeting Minutes – both approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Blair

- Starting balance – 7993.54
- Ending Balance – 8793.54
- Check to Karen Drucker for refreshments for Annual meeting - 55.00
- 205.00 in checks for renewals/membership fees
- 665.00 in Givebutter for renewals/membership fees (outstanding) Blair will deposit it into the account

Committee Reports:

Beautification – John M

- Asked about status of 3rd Pickleball Court – still up in the air depending on grant money
- It was brought up that if the court is not built, perhaps this area could be beautified....
- Discussion ensued about use of open spaces in borough – Karen stated that at the end of 27th St, on Central Av there is an open lot – she suggested a butterfly garden be planted there – Joanne said these in Australia are called Pocket Gardens – board interested in pursuing this idea
- John asked if there is an inventory map of open space in the town – Greg will reach out to Kristy to see if this is something we can obtain

Membership – Karen C (Membership Drive 2026 ideas / dates)

- Karen C was unable to attend our meeting, but will send a report to Greg
- Of the money received for membership – 30 were renewals
- Greg reported some issues with updating the spread sheet
- Karen checked to see if there is autorenewal in Givebutter and there is
- An email blast once a year asking folks to renew is effective
- Membership drive to be revisited next month
- Hats/visors to be given to the Business Sponsors and ask them if they will renew
 - Business partner list to be updated

Communications – Greg/Karen

No report

JCTA – Minutes from their meeting will be emailed this week

Old Business

Business Spotlight – Greg & Karen D

Adopt A Beach Walkway –

- Cigarette Butt Receptacles placed at beach entrances identified by volunteers as problematic
- Greg spoke to Matt about getting stickers for them and he said they should be no bigger than 2"
- Karen looked on line and will be ordering 125
 - Sponsored by SBTA – to join (have URL)

Annual Meeting (9/13 @ Library) – Thanks to our board for helping make it a success!

- Greg spoke to the manager at the library to thank her and she said she would be happy to have us again next year

New Business

Trunk or Treat 2025 – 10/24 – 4:30-6:30 PM

- Greg confirmed with borough that we will participate
- Candy (maybe bars vs handfuls) Kat will check out what is available at BJs
- Blair & JoAnne, OK with decorations again
- Greg OK with Truck
- Board to get there at 3:30 PM

Dune Grass planting – Greg // coordinate with Matt Bernstein (plants tentatively arrive 10/17/25)

- We will invite the membership to participate

Status of old CVS still up in the air – lights will not be changed on that corner

- This was identified as an issue
- School property got ½ permit for green space, but has not been specified where that will be on the property

Blair brought up that with the government shutdown, the Coast Guard personnel are not being paid

- If it goes on for a while, perhaps we could assist the families of the guard

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 meeting: Tuesday, October 21st - Joanne

School Board meeting: Tuesday, October 21st - Kat

Town Council meeting: Tuesday, October 28th - Greg

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kat Leifeste – board secretary

NEXT SBTA MEETING: November 3, 2025 – Start Time 4:30 pm