



OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 29, 2022
6 PM, Assateague Meeting Room

PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS: Colette Horn, Amy Peck, Doug Parks, Rick Farr and Josette Wheatley.

ALSO PRESENT:

Ellen Hench – Aquatics Chair

Jim Trummel – By-laws & Resolutions Committee Chair

John Dilworth – Architectural Committee Chair

Cheryl Jacobs – Communications Committee

Patty Stevens – Recreations & Parks Chair

Sharon Santacroce – Environmental & Natural Assets Chair

David Allen - Marine Activities Chair

Tom Piatti – Budget & Financing Committee Representing
Chair

Fritz Lahner – Golf Advisory Committee Chair

Rhetts Parson – Racket Ball Committee Chair

Tom Piatti – Search Committee Chair

Carol Lugwig – Elections Committee Chair

Call to Order – President Colette Horn called the meeting to order at 6pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of prior meeting

Mrs. Horn indicated that the prior meeting was run by Director Larry Perrone, former President of the Board of Directors and It was well attended. Mrs. Horn reviewed the Ocean Pines Resolution C-01, "Committee General Policy" with the committee chairs, Expressing the use of Ocean Pines, Attachment 2, Charging Documents and when these are to used. It was also discussed that applications to committees that have not been accepted as committee members, should be returned to Linda Martin for safe keeping and for future potential members to committee should an opening arise.

Committee Discussion

Aquatics – Ellen Hench, Committee Chair, shared that they now have 6 members on their committee. They have to date had 2 meetings. They have identified some safety issues in regards to entering and exiting the Racquet & Swim Club. Ms.Hench will share their findings with the Board through their liaison Mr. Frank Daly upon his return.

Architectural Review Committee - John Dilworth, Committee Chair, shared that they started the year as normal business with 86 Permits to date & 4 variance request of which 3 of the 4 request were approved. The priority for the committee was to get ahead of the tree removal without permits. He indicated that there were over 500 trees removed last year from our community. Johns did discuss the political signs and their length of time they should be. It was noted that 7 days after the elections, signs are to be removed.

Budget & Finance – Tom Piatti, Committee Chair Representative, shared that they were looking into cost of replacement for the Mail Box Cluster Boxes. A set of 16 units were estimated at \$3000 per cluster.

Elections Committee – Carol Lugwig, Committee Chair, shared the committee was grateful to receive new scanners to assist them with the elections process. She also stated that the committee is currently targeting the task of getting the referendum out. The committee had requested that the date be moved to accommodate 35 days plus one week after the product is received from the printers.

By Laws & Resolutions – Jim Trummel, Committee Chair, shared that they now have 5 members and they are a good mix of members. They are currently looking at revising the bylaws and are working on verbiage to protect the future of the association on upcoming elections since December. The last meeting was on March 4th. The revisions are being prepared for resolution as his committee are transitioning to the Resolution Side.

Communications Committee – Cheryl Jacobs, Committee Chair, shared that the committee worked with Strategic Planning Committee for their recent Town Hall Meeting. They also set a meeting with County Commissioner Chip Bertino, to come to a resolve the "phasing ou" for the removal of existing signs verbiage if the Board should approve the community go with electronic signs. The signs are being proposed to increase communications with the community on the election and weekly announcements to increase the participation of the community. The committee is also looking to create a community Day during the Yearly Meeting to engage our community, and get more involvement from the populous.

Strategic Planning Committee – Bernie McGorry, Committee chair, was not present to the meeting however, he shared with the Board the Homeowner Survey results at an earlier meeting on this day. From this survey, it was made clear that communications and Safety, Police and EMT are the priority to our community members. The Communications committee will be task with review of needed improvement for the communications to our members.

Environmental and Natural Assets – Sharon Santacroce, shared that they now have 6 members and have had one meeting to date. They are looking to stop the decline on St Martins. The have been diligently working on a document to present the Board for Discussion. They are having a discussion with Bay Day organizers, for May 15 and clean-up of Manklin Creek.

Golf – Fritz Lahner, Committee Chair, shared that they currently have 9 members, He indicated that the course continues to improve with the help of volunteers. The group of individuals are called "Sand Dogs". The group have been taking on the responsibility of care for individual holes and tree limb issues. The group writes a report and is shared with Golf Pro, Mr. John Malinowski. It was noted that no direct contact s made with OPA employees, only Mr Malinowski

Marine Activities – David Allen committee Chair, indicated that an agreement was made to partner up with Maryland Coastal Bay Association and assist Coastal Bay Day on May 15th at 2pm at Whitehorse Park. Oyster harvesting has been introduced to the community to clean our canals naturally.

Recreations & Parks – Patty Stevens, Committee Chair, indicated that they currently have 6 active committee members. The committee was granted approval for the Kayak storage for non-water access members and were mounted for the community in March. They have put in a request for another 6 racks to be installed. It was announced that a 12 mile loop Bike ride is scheduled for May 21st at 4pm. This will be 1 out of 4 bike rides scheduled for this year.

Racquet Sports – Rhett Parsons, Committee chair, stated that the new swipe cards had been installed and functional. He also indicated that they are awaiting the new pickle ball courts to be installed. He also noted that the process of bids should be revisited as it was not an easy process. On a great note, it was noted that the Platform Group has been very active in the last 6 months and the Memorial Tournament was a great success.

Search Committee – Tom Piatti, Committee chair, stated that the deadline would be May 16^h for individuals to submit applications as candidates to run for the position of Board of Director.

At 8:00 pm, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Josette Wheatley, Secretary

Ocean Pines Association