

**BERKELEY SHORES HOMEOWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2011**

Call to Order by President Fred Bekiarian at 7:00 PM.

Members of Executive Board in attendance:

Vic Lido, Robert Mandraccia, Marion McGrath, Geoffrey Martis, Robert Nunn, Lucille Pavolic, Gary Tepper, Nancy Wieme. Past President William Grochowicz

Members not in attendance:

Ken Gerb, Jack Stranford

Salute to our Flag and Moment of Silence for our Service Men and Women.

Reading of Minutes:

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes by Bob Nunn. The motion seconded by Marian McGrath. All in favor. The minutes are posted on BSHCA website.

Welcome - Fred Bekiarian:

On behalf of myself and our Executive Board, know that we are grateful for the many complimentary E-mails received from our members. Board Members are working on various disciplines, all for the benefit of BSHCA. The Board operates somewhat independently as they go about their duties. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress by way of our website www.berkeleyshores.org. Nancy Wieme has done a great job by creating a number of links on the website to keep members well informed. Our goal is to increase website activity.

Following are our Executive Board Members and Disciplines:

Nancy Wieme - Website:

A number of people are going to the website as we have increased to about 3,000 hits per month. Hurricane Irene had an impact to our hit rate. The Real Estate and Water Quality issues are among the most viewed. Our members should consider checking out The Berkeley Patch, which is a great source of information.

Vic Lido - Membership:

To date we have received approximately \$9,000 in yearly dues. The dues requested from our members are very reasonable. We will be sending reminders to those who have not yet renewed. We have 329 households, 596 voting members and 9 new members. We are researching a new commercial software marketing system called Constant Contact. It will be an update of our current system and used to enhance our E-mail distributions to members.

Marian McGrath - Social Director:

We held our second Dutch Treat on October 21 at The Cove Restaurant at 7:00 PM. Members and non members are all invited to our next social gathering which will begin again in the new year. On Friday, December 2, 2011, we'll hold our Christmas/Holiday party at Martell's Water Edge Restaurant.

Fishing Site: Nancy Wieme has setup a new website titled "*Marion's Saltwater Angling Corner*". Marion is very knowledgeable regarding saltwater fishing, and willing to share her experience with anyone interested. She also looks forward to interacting with other fisherman and fisherwomen in our community for "hot spots" and fishing results.

Gary Tepper - Treasurer:

The balance in the treasury is \$19,541.58. The Board has appropriated \$500 to our Happy Hookers Committe with a \$200 override for the coming fiscal year June to June.

Attachment: Transaction Report 9-19-2011 through 10-14-2011

Garry Tepper for Ken Gerb - Environmental Committee:

On Saturday, September 24, 2011, Veeder Island had a fall makeover. The Board received many positive comments from members on our website. The committe consists of the following members: Ken Gerb-Chairman, RoseAnn Gerb, Trudy Stranford, John Swakinas, Maria Swakinas, Gary Tepper, Lisa Tepper and Edward Quinlan. The island will have a nautical theme and has an estimated completion date before Memorial Day weekend. Some examples of our "new look for the island" are available on our website. A budget will be submitted to the Board for approval as costs are estimated.

Attachment: Island Landscape Plan

Geoffrey Martis - Township Council Representative:

Attended Township Council Meeting and reported to Board. The Township received a \$500,000 Federal Grant for surveillance equipment to be instaled at Manitou and Veteran's Parks. The Police Department contributed \$60,000. New zoning laws have been established for the township centers at Beachwood Plaza, ShopRite and William Dudley Park. The zoning on Route 9 at the rear of the Beachwood Plaza will undergo changes more befitting the development planned for that location.

Attachment: Berkeley Township Council Meetings

Bob Nunn - First Vice President:

Works closely with President Bekiarian on all BSHCA matters. He assists Nancy Wieme with the Real Estate Website and coordinates information with Township Code Officer Ken Anderson. BSHCA has no authority to police zoning violations and is only a liason between the Township and BSHCA.

Robert Mandracchia - BSHCA Bylaws

Currently working on revising bylaws as passed at the June meeting. A copy will be presented at our next General Meeting. We've conducted two successful garage sales and plan more in the future. Consideration is being given for holding a garage sale at an indoor site.

Lucille Pavolic - Secretary:

Responsible for recording and maintaining Executive Board and General Meeting Minutes. Assists with Social Committee activities.

Police Chief Karin DeMichele - Special Guest:

Police Chief DeMichele has been on the force for 17 years and is married to a Toms River Police Officer. She has six year old twin daughters and lives on the water in Glen Cove section of Bayville. She looks forward to increased communication between residents and police.

During the state emergency caused by Hurricane Irene the town experienced minor damage. BSHCA, members were kept informed through constant contact with the police departments' Public Information Officer Sargeant William Smith.

- Township people are urged to keep their vehicles locked. Cars have been broken into because they were unlocked.
- Police training is underway for anticipated ice rescues during the coming winter months.
- Speeding is being addressed on Bayview Avenue and Veeder Lane. Police have made 140 motor vehicle stops in Berkeley Shores.
- The speed limit at the H&M Potter School will receive better signage. The speed limit is posted at 25 miles an hour, but is not being followed. That will be addressed by Chief DeMichele.
- Mill Creek, Veeder Lane and Ocean Gate Drive is a very dangerous intersection and Chief DeMichele will address the problem.

Thanks to BSHCA from Chief DeMichele for invitation to address members.

Fred Bekarian:

Plans to conduct face to face greetings using a cadre of street captains. All members who complimented our organization regarding Hurricane Irene asked “*what could they do to help*” will be contacted by the Board. BSHCA would like to build our membership and feel that street captains will help to accomplish that goal. The E-mails we received regarding Hurricane Irene were encouraging and those members who did express appreciation are encouraged to become street captains in their neighborhoods.

Happy Hookers Report By Mary Lou Andrews:

We are a group of women under Committee Chair Cathy Peach. We meet once a month at Cathy and Harold Peach’s home to knit and crochet handmade items for elderly, veterans and children. We are a group of about 20 members and have been in existence for 19 years. We make scarves, hats, blankets, sweater sets, slippers and pocket books. To accomplish this we need a good amount of yarn which is provided by BSHCA. We also receive personal donations of toys and cash from our members. We rely on donations to exist. Many members buy their own yarn for a project. BSHCA has always supported us with a donation of \$500 for which we are very appreciative. The organizations we have helped are Bayville Manor, Crystal Lake, Tall Woods, Kensington Manor, Lacy Food Bank, American Legion, Hungar Relief, Monsignor Donovan Outreach, Children’s Pediatric Cancer Center at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and The Linus Project. We look forward to new members, male or female. All are invited to Cathy’s house on the first Monday of the month. Cathy Peach *welcomes everyone* and can be contacted at 732-237-0901.

Attachment: Cost Analysis and Mission Information Sheet

William McGrath - Water Quality Project:

This is a lagoon water project that involves the town, county and the state. Berkeley Shores has 15 miles of waterfront. Our waterfront community, with a significant amount of stagnant and polluted waters due to storm water effluent and lack of circulation, requires corrective action to protect this natural resource. Financially this project is very expensive and neither the town nor the county will be able to manage the cost.

BSHCA is very proactive in addressing this issue. A “Water Quality Strategies Proposal for Berkeley Shores” has been prepared by Bill McGrath. It contains valuable pertinent information and is addressed to the Township of Berkeley, the County of Ocean and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for consideration, discussion and consultation.

Attachment: Proposal

Motion to adjourn meeting by Fred Bekiarian, Seconded Maria Grochowicz.

Adjournment: 9:15 PM

**Lucille Pavolic, Secretary
Berkeley Shores Homeowners Civic Association**

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