

BERKELEY SHORES HOMEOWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

Call to Order: President William Grochowicz at 7:15 PM.

Roll Call of Officers:

Present: Fred Bekiarian, Treasurer
Vic Lido, Second Vice President
Lucille Pavolic, Secretary
Howard Hoffman, Past President
Marion McGrath, Director
Robert Nunn, Director
Jack Stranford, Director
Nancy Wieme, Director

Absent: Robert Mandracchia, First Vice-President
Geoffrey Martis, Director

Opening Ceremony:

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

Boat Parade Committee - Mike Teichman

Howard Hoffman gave a joint report of both the 2010 Memorial Day Boat Parade and the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Howard thanked the Chairman Mike Teichman and his wife Barbara for all their work on this committee. Howard reported that the 2010 Memorial Day Boat Parade was a great success. He thanked the captains of the more than 100 vessels for their participation. He also thanked the chaplains, the honor guard, and all the participants from the Coast Guard, town, county and emergency agencies. The total cost of the 2010 Memorial Day Boat Parade was eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars.

25th Anniversary Celebration Committee – Howard Hoffman

Howard Hoffman thanked the members of the committee for their efforts and the BSHCA members who attended. He reported that the weather was perfect, the food was good and plentiful and the comments made by those in attendance were positive. The total cost of the 25th Anniversary Celebration was \$3,900.

Treasurer's Report - Fred Bekiarian

Fred Bekiarian reported that our financial picture is sound with \$17,372 in our treasury. We are still expecting more money to be collected from membership dues.

Membership Committee - Jack Strandford

Jack Strandford reported that the total dues collected to date, is \$9,545 which represents 638 members from 371 households. In comparison to 2009 with the same time frame, we collected \$9,765 representing 651 members from 372 households. We are presently \$220 under our 2009 total dues collected at this point in time.

Community Signs – Bob Nunn

Bob Nunn reported on behalf of the Executive Committee that our new Berkeley Shores Signs at Veeder Lane Entrance Island are made of good quality and are holding up very well. The total cost of the new signage was \$4,500. He also wanted to bring to light the following facts:

- With these new signs our image is consistent throughout the neighborhood with the egret as our trademark.
- Our logo on the signs is an upscale image for Berkeley Shores and is very prominent.
- These signs were paid for by BSHCA without the financial aid from the township. They are located on county property not township property.
- Our member Trudy Strandford planted the mums in the Entrance Island
- We do have a Stage II planned for additional signs in the future

Happy Hookers - Cathy Peach

Cathy Peach reported that her committee now has 21 members but we can always use new members so all are welcome. The committee meets on the first Monday of each month at the Cathy Peach's home. Please checkout our website. The items made are donated to LYNUS, Robert Woods Johnson Pediatric Cancer Center, Nursing Centers at Crystal Lake and Tall Woods, and the Lacey Food Bank. Last year we brought gifts and toys to the Cancer Pediatric Center patients, ranging in age from newborn to 21 years of age. There were 100 children at the Center. We also gave out hats, scarves, sweater sets, slippers and personal products at the nursing facilities. Every facility we visited was very appreciative. This year we are asking members to donate money or buy toys/books etc. gifts for the children at Robert Woods Johnson Pediatric Cancer Center. November 10th is the deadline to donate an unwrapped gift which should be delivered to Cathy Peach's house.

BSHCA T-SHIRTS - Fred Bekiarian

Fred Bekiarian reported that BSHCA has T Shirts, with our logo for sale. The T-shirts are being sold at cost for \$6.00 each. Please check our website for more information.

Nancy Wieme - BSHCA Website

Nancy Wieme reported that we have had quite a few people (hits) looking at our website, www.BerkeleyShores.org. We welcome any suggestions for improvement and items to be included on the Website from the membership.

New Business – William Grochowicz

President William Grochowicz made the following announcement:

- Within the next month we will be getting a webcam at C&C Marine
- We have been planting dune grass at Allan Road Beach for the past three years. Ocean County gives us the seedlings free of charge
We will be planting grass again this year and we need volunteers
- Police have ticketed delinquent boaters who are speeding and jet skiers who are not wearing life jackets
- Mike and Barbara Teichman were very influential in getting the water traffic controlled with police patrol boats on the bay. Our quality of life has improved due to their efforts.
- John and Linda Morro are new members and look forward to being more involved with the organization.
- We are acting as intermediates between Code Enforcement and Police. Codes are not being enforced sufficiently. Route 9 is very unsightly. Our member Don Porrino is very well versed in Code Enforcement regulations and has offered suggestions for improvements

Allan Road Beach - William McGrath

William McGrath reported on the Allan Road Beach stabilization project were BSHCA has been very instrumental:

- The dune grass planted by BSHCA does stabilize the beach
- BSHCA has applied for and received a grant from Barnaget Bay Estuary in the amount of \$7,500.
- A permit is required and Berkeley Township will be responsible to cover the cost of \$600.
- The first week in November we will plant additional dune grass on the Allan Road Beach
- Allan Road is Berkeley Township land.
- The boardwalk does have electricity

Buoys - Mike Teichman-Buoys

Mike Teichman reported that we now have three new buoys for a total of 7 NO WAKE buoys. We replace them in the spring. Mike thanked C&C Marine for their help in securing the buoys.

Tax Budget Information – Karen Davis, Councilwoman

President William Grochowicz introduced our speaker for the evening Councilwoman, Karen Davis.

- At the invitation of President William Grochowicz, Ms. Davis agreed to attend the BSHCA's General Membership Meeting and speak on the issues of concern with regard to the Berkeley Township Budget.
- Ms. Davis attended the Township Council Meeting at 5:30 on September 17, 2010 for the purpose of approving the Berkeley Township Budget
- Ms. Davis reported the following:

- An amendment was introduced and approved to reduce the Budget from \$3,100,000 to 27,000,000
- That the Council vote on the amendment was unanimous
- That the rate per \$100 of assessed value before budget cuts was \$1.88 and now has been reduced to \$1.82.
- To attain the amount of the new tax bill for year 2011, multiply assessed value on card received in the mail by \$1.82. That should give an idea of what new tax shall be.
- The fourth quarter tax will be less than the third quarter tax since the third quarter bill was based on the approval of the higher amount.
- There was a question and answer session between members and Ms. Davis regarding township taxes and other important township issues.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.