



## Holgate Taxpayers Association Trustees Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 Time: 7:02 - 8:39pm Via: Zoom

**ATTENDEES:** Frank Benintendo, Denise Brand, Bill Cannon, Marianne Hurley, Bill Hutson, Yanni Kaloudis, Frank Lowry, Dan Macone, Rand Pearsall, Ted Stiles, Bob White

**ABSENT:** None

Meeting was called to order by Rand Pearsall at 7:02pm and a Quorum was established.

Trustees unanimously approved Minutes for June 5 and 12, 2021 Meetings

### Trustee election update, process and implications for 2022 (Rand)

- Rand to set up online voting for the 6 trustees who are up for re-election. Voting to be based on the approved slate of candidates.
- Frank B asked what if we drop to 8 trustees given the by-laws call for 9-12 trustees. While Bill H noted we have operated with less in the past, this would not be consistent with the by-laws. Rand noted we can get to 9 with an appointment.
- Catherine Jump (Dan) and Cindy Wanek (Yanni) were mentioned as possible trustees. Best action is to encourage individuals to participate on committees first. Bill C noted the committee chairs should be more active in recruiting people to join their committees.
- Bill C questioned if there had been outreach to members who had expressed interest. Rand to work with Bob and the Nominating Committee to determine if other people should be contacted.
- Denise reported the perceived amount of work required was a discouraging factor.

### Fall Membership Meeting and BBQ (Rand, all)

- Rand reviewed the plan for the September 11 event and assigned tasks (see separate sheet). He will not be in attendance as his son is getting married that day out of state.
- Event permit application submitted to Township along with certificate of insurance
- Board was in agreement with the proposed objectives for the meeting.
- There was no objection to holding the event this year and people would have the option of wearing masks.
- The Board discussed a rain date. Frank L said he would get back to us regarding the possible use of the Lowry garage but further discussion identified September 25 in the late afternoon following the dune planting. Final decision to be made closer to the actual date.
- Rand to develop Evite with RSVP function so we can gauge number of attendees.

### Plan for Bond's Park Recreation Area Survey (Rand)

- Rand to distribute a draft of the proposed survey to the Trustees following the call (completed 8/25)



## Committee Updates

Rand thanked the Committees for their hard work during a very difficult year.

- Membership Committee (assumes responsibility for Community Events - Bill C)
  - Membership stands at a record 453
- Environment Committee (Bill H, Ted)
  - Ted reported the test design trap for greenheads appeared to be working better than the existing traps. Cost estimates to be prepared which should take into account relative ease of construction.
  - Motion made by Rand to buy 25 hanging fly traps at an approximate cost of \$150, with the results to be analyzed by the Mosquito Commission. Motion was seconded by Dan and passed 10-1.
- By-Laws Committee (Frank B)
  - Frank B noted the most recent updated by-laws were approved almost unanimously by the Membership and asked trustees to begin to think about any other updates that may be required in the future. Frank B will also distribute the by-laws document for signatures in the future.
  - Rand will ensure the approved by-laws are posted on the HTA website.
- Government Relations Committee (Dan)
  - In partnership with the LBI Chamber and the LBTPD, the Be Bright lighted wristbands (70) will be given out to Trustees and Members at the BBQ.
  - Two additional holiday lights have been acquired, bringing the total to 13. They will be located at the Welcome to Holgate sign and Rosemma.
  - Installation of Solar lighting on Holgate sign completed in July.
  - Request made for alternative to PayPal which may be politically polarizing to some people based on media reports. PayPal is the only online payment the HTA currently takes. Venmo and Zelle were suggested as well as alternatives mentioned in the media article.
  - Updated recycling guidelines in place as of August 4.
  - Police Dept contacted to review mobile sign which has been down for 2 weeks. Strong agreement that sign has made a significant difference in compliance and safety.
- Dune Planting Committee (Denise)
  - Brian Tierney and Rand transplanted over 100 plants from a property owned by Mike Pagnotta
  - Two evergreens may be purchased to flank the Welcome to Holgate sign.
  - Dune Planting scheduled for September 25. Biggest challenge remains getting enough volunteers to water. Few people volunteer to do this and some do not fulfill their responsibility. This puts our investment in the plants at risk.
  - Impact of water meters and charges for water may impact this program in the past. Sizable increases already received by businesses. Residential water bills based on metered use expected at the end of First Quarter 2022.
- Nominating Committee (Bob)
  - Rand reviewed Bob's report for the trustee election in September. Trustees Frank B, Denise, Bill H, Ted, are up for re-election as well as officers Bill Cannon (Treasurer) and Yanni (Communications Director). Electronic election to be conducted prior to September 11 Membership meeting. Expecting to present the candidates as a slate for membership approval.
  - The absence of no new candidates for trustee requires us to encourage more people to consider joining the Board
- Rand thanked all of the Committee chairs for their outstanding work during a most difficult year and noted that many members are greatly appreciative of what we do.



### Treasurer's Update (Bill C)

- The 2021 Budget update was presented to the Board and we anticipate we will be able to spend more than we take in this year, as planned to reduce our reserve.
- Frank B confirmed there would be no charge for the legal review of the by-laws.
- Rand confirmed no further Covid donations are anticipated at this time.
- Bank account will probably be changed from Bank of America to TD Bank given BoA branch relocation and charges. Rand noted the JCTA has also changed from BoA to TD Bank for similar reasons.

### Beach Conditions (All)

- Beaches and access points continue to be in better than expected condition even with recent storms.

### JCTA Updates (Rand, Bill H)

- Windmills update: Initial field to be developed will be east of Atlantic City. While the Atlantic Shores Open House presented results of a visibility study from LBI, this is not the field that is expected to be developed due east of LBI. Many factors including timing for construction of the LBI field and the height of the turbines remain unknown.
- JCTA Officers to be elected this Fall: President (HTA's Bill Hutson is running for reelection) and Secretary
- JCTA has taken an annual subscription to SurveyMonkey which can be shared among all member associations. To use SurveyMonkey for just one month costs \$99. The JCTA's subscription for \$288 or \$36 per association for an entire year's use. First year cost to be paid out of JCTA funds with no charge to the member associations.

### New Business (All)

- Storage shed: Rand shared a screen shot of a storage unit that would fit in space available in his garage. Members of the Board to review further to determine if size is adequate. Discuss further in November meeting.
- Beach numbers: Rand to review Township's beach numbers and present updated numbering system so we correspond with Beach Patrol numbers

### Upcoming HTA Events

- Refuge Cleaning (Saturday, September 18) – HTA solicits volunteers and provides coffee, water and crumb cake for the volunteers
- Fall Dune Planting (Saturday, September 25)

Next Trustee Meeting Date: Saturday, November 6th, 2:30-4:00pm, Location TBD

Motion to adjourn made by Yanni, seconded by Dan and unanimously approved at 8:39pm