

Holgate Taxpayers Association Fall Membership/BBQ Meeting Minutes

Bond's Park, September 11, 2021

TRUSTEE ATTENDEES: Frank Benintendo, Denise Brand, Bill Cannon, Bill Hutson, Yanni Kaloudis, Frank Lowry, Dan Macone, Ted Stiles, Bob White

ABSENT: Rand Pearsall

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM by Dan Macone.

Dan Macone proposed a Moment of Silence in Memory of 9/11 Victims.

Dan thanked all members for attending and stated he was filling in for Rand Pearsall for this meeting. He thanked the members attending for their support of HTA. Dan then introduced all Trustees in attendance.

Trustee Election Results

- Dan announced the following Trustees have been voted by the membership for election this month for two year Trustee terms: Frank Benintendo, Denise Brand, Bill Hutson and Ted Stiles. Trustee/Officers Bill Cannon, Treasurer and Yanni Kaloudis, Corresponding Secretary.
- Voting results were 112 to 1 in favor of re-election.
- The Trustees will vote on the Officers' slate at the November 16, HTAT meeting.
- Dan advised there are three Trustee positions that are currently being reviewed by the Nominating Committee and asked that any members interested in being considered contacting Bob White, Nominating Committee Chairman or any Trustee.

2021 Safety Initiatives

- Be Bright Campaign – Dan stated HTA is one of the sponsors of the “Be Bright Campaign” organized by the Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the campaign is to provide informational post cards and lighted wristbands to pedestrians and bicyclists to promote increased visibility for safety at night.
- The LBI Chamber of Commerce has purchased 920 Be Bright wristband lights to be distributed to the sponsors. Dan provided wristbands to give to interested HTA members present.

- Police Department Mobile Sign
- Dan commented the use of the Police Department mobile lighted sign at the entrance to Holgate has been successful this summer. The sign reminds residents and visitors of the proper direction to use on the Boulevard to use when riding a bike or walking.
- HTA Trustees have requested the use of the mobile lighted sign in 2022 and are hopeful the sign will be used at the same position on the Boulevard in 2022.

Membership Growth

- Bill Cannon reported 464 current members before the meeting, probably increasing to 475 after the meeting. This is a new high for membership.
- Bill thanked his committee for all the work they did to help increase membership.

Fly Trap Initiative

- Bill Hutson reviewed the hanging fly trap program by using an actual fly trap to show attendees how easy the trap is to assemble, use and the number of flies caught in flytraps at his address.
- The Environment Committee bought 25 fly traps that were given out by Bill at the meeting with a request they be installed and a report sent to Bill on the performance of the trap.
- The contents of traps will then be sent to Department of Entomology at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey for a report on type of flies caught.

Ocean County Single Stream Recycling Expansion

- Denise Brand reviewed changes made by Ocean County to increase specific new items that can now be recyclable but weren't previously. Given to all attendees was a new updated flyer detailing additional information on items that are now recyclable.
- Denise also provided a new laminated recycling flyer and folders containing other LBT items of interest to home owners in a packet she had prepared.

Upcoming Events

- Forsythe Refuge Clean-up September 18, 8:30 AM. Meet in Holgate South Parking Lot to sign up and for instructions.
- Dune Planting September 25, 10 AM, meeting place to be determined.

Questions and Comments

- Dan encouraged HTA members present to seek out Trustees to discuss any additional questions or comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40.by Dan Macone.