



Holgate Taxpayers Association Trustees Meeting Minutes **Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Time: 7:05 - 8:35pm Via: Zoom**

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

ABSENT: None

Meeting was called to order by Rand Pearsall at 7:05pm and a Quorum was established.

Trustees unanimously approved Minutes for August 24 and September 11, 2021 Meetings

Opening Remarks - Rand

- Rand advised Ted Stiles sister Kathy Ballard passed away late October and he contacted Ted to express our condolences.
- Rand reminded Trustees to keep their comments concise and not to repeat comments stated earlier during tonight's meeting.

Trustee Recruitment - Rand, All

- Rand stated there have been two candidates who have expressed interest in becoming a Trustee, Catherine Jump and Cindy Wanek. Dan Macone commented Catherine Jump is very interested.
- Yanni Kaloudis confirmed Cindy Wanek is very interested in being a Trustee and has a history of being involved in various local projects.
- Rand will contact each person to discuss the time commitment, review 2021 meeting dates and projects. He will be sure to cover the same information with all potential candidates to keep everything on a level playing field.
- Rand will review the need for three new Trustees in the HTA November Newsletter.

Officer Elections: Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary

- As stated in the By-Laws Trustee candidates for Trustee/Officers were voted on prior to the September HTA Fall Membership meeting for a two-year term. The winners were Bill Cannon, Treasurer, and Yanni Kaloudis, Corresponding Secretary; each will be confirmed at today's meeting.
- Rand asked if there were any other candidates for the two Officer positions and as none were presented the process was closed.
- Rand Pearsall made a motion to elect the Officer candidates; the motion was seconded by Frank Benintendo and passed unanimously.

Bonds Park Status - Rand, Yanni

- Several LBT people have talked to Joe Palotta and his family. They walked the property and discussed what would be done if the Palottas accepted the plan, which they did.
- The easement to the North over what is a paper street to Bay Terrace/Joan Road has been constructed by LBT.
- A new walkway to Bonds Park has been constructed by LBT.
- The basketball court was moved slightly to tie into the new walkway and driveway.



- There are areas of vegetation that were not disturbed and there is room along the sides of the new driveway and walkway for LBT to do plantings. There is also a split rail fence that has room for plants on both sides.
- The plants that were taken out by LBT were too mature to transplant. Denise Brand and Rand Pearsall walked around the area and had previously checked with Reynolds Nursery to confirm this.

Water and Sewer Fees - Rand

- LBT has posted rates on LBT Taxpayer update page and Holgate update page.
- All rates per house are based on usage.
- Commercial properties are also billed based on size, number of rooms and usage.
- There is no single base rate to start so the increase posted will vary around 10% to 30%.
- Rand will publish correct rates when all is made available by LBT.

Committee Reports

Membership – Bill C

- Current membership is 477 and 500 members next year is possible.
- Committee held meeting and decided to continue with mailings and emails to solicit new members.
- Will continue with Street Captains as this is moving well.
- Bill Hutson and Ted Stiles have agreed to help with Trailer Park residents.
- Bill Cannon asked Yanni Kaloudis to post membership information on the Holgate web page.
- The Committee discussed the mechanics of renewing membership each year with automatic renewal. They are also considering introducing a discount card that would give HTA members a discount on purchases from local stores that sign up for the program.
- Rand suggested Bill Cannon choose what options would work best for implementation.

Environment -Bill H, Ted

- Bill explained the company HTA currently buys bait for greenhead traps are facing a sale or bankruptcy.
- Bill has negotiated a special price if HTA purchases three years worth of bait for \$5,800.
- HTA will pay with a credit card after the company ships and bait has been received.
- Rand proposed a motion to authorize up to \$6,000 for making the purchase of three years of bait, the motion was seconded by Yanni Kaloudis and passed unanimously.
- Bill next discussed greenhead fly population last spring as they were a terrible nuisance early in season. Winter 2020 was very mild, with no ground or bay freezing, many Greenheads survived the winter.
- Bill has partnered with Pagnotta Builders to help move Greenhead traps from storage and set up early May/June. This is earlier than in previous years.
- Ted advised he has designed a new trap using 50-gallon containers. They were put out this year and worked well. He is also working on a second new design and provide estimated costs to the Board to build more of these.
- Bill H reported the twenty-five hanging traps HTA purchased were given to residents to use and turn in so the contents of trap could be evaluated by Department of Entomology at Rutgers the State University of New Jersey about 95% of the traps were returned. Unfortunately, Rutgers took too long to review the contents of traps as most of the flies were decomposed.



- Bill H reported identification of Biting flies and Deer flies continues to be a problem with the traps we use. We give flies to Rutgers but they are very slow to get back to Bill H. We need to make sure the traps we use catch Biting flies so we can tell members these are the proper traps to buy.

By-Laws – Frank B.

- Frank will follow up with Trustees to sign off on the last round of member-approved revisions.
- Frank will then present to all members at the Spring membership meeting to see if any further changes are required.

Government Relations – Dan

- Dan reported the lights will be installed by LBT November 22. Ship Bottom had their lights installed two weeks ago.
- Need to check on expected life of the individual lights so we can budget for replacements lights.

Dune Planting – Denise

- Denise commented HTA did as much as they could be done based on budget, volunteers to water and water available.
- Pagnotta advised when he was ready to clear lots for building so HTA could remove plants. The plants cleared off properties were taken to Bill Hutson's motel so they could be stored and watered.
- To be considered in 2022, for budget purposes, home owners being charged for water needed to plant in Fall and not in Spring. Need to maintain dialogue with oceanfront home owners for future water usage.
- Denise will check condition of plants in the Spring to see how plants are growing and to make decisions on where and how many plants are needed in future.
- Bill Hutson made a statement that Trustees need to thank Brian Brand for all the work he did to support the HTA planting work. Without the use of his truck, trailer and tools visiting each site at every planting for delivering supplies and helping where needed the HTA could not have had the dune planting success. Also when Pagnotta made plants available before clearing building lots, Brian volunteered not only his truck and trailer, but Brian helped Rand dig up all the plants and take to Bill Hutson motel area for storage. Without Brian's help the work could not have been completed. THANK YOU, BRIAN!!

Nominating – Bob

- Rand read Bob's report. The Officers/Trustees whose terms are ending in 2022 will be contacted to confirm they want to run for another two-year term. These are Rand Pearsall, President, Dan Macone, Vice President and Bob White, Recording Secretary.
- There are no incumbent Trustees as candidates for 2021-2023 term. The three current Trustees who would be candidates resigned. The Nominating Committee is currently reviewing candidates for the three open positions.
- Any HTA member can be a candidate for a two-year term if they have been a property owner or a year around renter for the last two years. The member must submit a written statement on why they would like to be considered as a candidate and provide a brief bio with any type of community work. Both documents to become a candidate for Trustee must be received 30 days prior to the election and sent to the current President.
- Nominations may also be made by an HTA member providing a nominating petition with 10 HTA member signatures.
- Voting for the candidates for Trustees will begin electronically 30 days prior to the September General Membership meeting.



Treasurer's Update – Bill C

- Treasurer's Report is attached. Gross receipts were \$22,031, 14% higher than last year which reflects increased membership and more importantly a higher amount of extra donations.
- Paid expenses to date were less than half of the budgeted amount because of limited events due to corona virus. Please send your receipts in as soon as possible.
- Bill announced he is planning to change bank account to TD Bank. He will also switch to GiveButter for our on-line payments as this process allows for various forms of payment giving members several options.
- Tax receipt letters will be sent in early January.
- Bill will contact Marianne Hurley to audit Treasurer's reports for 2021.
- Bill Hutson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Dan Macone seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Beach Conditions – All

- Many comments by Trustees but all felt the beaches and beach entrances were better than expected.
- LBT started working in February and March on the beaches.
- Denise Brand mentioned the Pershing Ave, bayfront area HTA planted really helped deflect the blowing sand on homes' landscaping in that area.

JCTA Updates – Rand, Bill H

- Rand reported Bill Hutson who has been President of JCTA for several years and really kept the group running and getting stronger is stepping down as President but will remain as president emeritus.
- The group has been joined by some very talented and hard-working members in the last few years.
- All LBI Communities are now represented on the JCTA except Surf City.

2022 Planning

- Attached is a listing of JCTA Planning Priorities (not in order of importance). HTA will continue to focus on what is important to their residents and other communities may have different priorities.

New Business – All

- Rand reported he and Denise have discussed buying a storage shed for HTA to keep items when projects are worked on and there are extra products left over that can be stored and used again. The shed would be kept in a member's garage, cost \$600.
- PA System, there was a discussion on buying a PA System for use at outdoor meetings. There was no clear decision on the action at this time.

2022 Trustee Meeting Dates

- Rand will develop a schedule of Trustee meeting dates for 2022, based on Tuesday night at 7 PM for the winter meetings.
- Rand thanked everyone for all the work on the 2021 projects.
- Bill Hutson mentioned what positive comments he has heard about all the HTA is accomplishing.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bill Huston, seconded by Frank Benintendo and unanimously approved at 8:35.