

## **Bob White**

HTA Recording Secretary since 2019 • Trustee since 2016

### **Role on Current Board**

As Recording Secretary, Bob is responsible for writing the minutes for each meeting of the Board of Trustees as well as all meetings of the full HTA Membership. These minutes are then posted on the HTA website. He also serves as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and is a member of the By-Laws Committee and the Dune Planting Committee, which he initiated. Bob also conducts a quarterly performance review of each HTA committee.

### **Connection to Holgate**

It was in 1960 that Bob, his wife Judy, and their young family started going to Island Beach State Park. Several years later, in 1966, they were invited to visit a friend's parents who summered at Lindy's Trailer Park. Friends told them back then that when you enter LBI from the bay bridge, turn right because that's where the "have nots" go – turning left would be too expensive. In 1970, he and Judy bought their first beach house, a three bedroom, one bath house on Janet Road for \$20,000. They were offered a house on the ocean for \$26,000, but declined due to the price. Bob notes that "We really fell in love with the Jersey Shore and because of my job we could spend all summer on LBI. Our two small children also loved it here."

### **Professional Experience**

A native of Ohio, Bob graduated from Ohio State University\* with a degree in Horticulture. This led to his first job at Burpee Seed Company, where he ran their Advertising Specialty Division. Bob then joined the Libby Glass Division of Owens Illinois, selling the decorated glassware that gas stations and supermarkets used to reward consumers for their purchases. He later switched to the automotive aftermarket industry for Maremont Corporation, and soon became VP of Sales for Mater Burt, an equipment manufacturer. Bob then decided to start his own Manufacturers Representative Agency, WT Sales Associates, which he ran for many years.

### **Personal Profile**

Bob grew up in Millersburg, Ohio, with his career taking him from the Buckeye State to Camden, NJ, Philadelphia, PA, Fort Lee, NJ, the Rockefeller Center building in NYC, Pittsburgh, PA and then to Berwyn, PA where he and Judy have lived for the past 57 years and where they raised two children. Their house is 73 miles from their summer home in Holgate.

### **Why I Became a Trustee**

"When Judy and I became homeowners and taxpayers in Holgate, we regularly went to the HTA Spring meetings, but they were poorly attended. We felt things really started to move when Dan Macone became president, and when I became aware the Association was looking for Trustees, I contacted Dan about that opportunity. Having run a sales organization, I enjoy putting my experience to work in helping the members of the HTA Board focus on completing projects that are important to Holgate residents."

*\*Often referred to by OSU athletes as "THE Ohio State University."*