

Berkeley Shores Homeowners' Civic Association

Annual Meeting June 25th, 2022

Minutes

Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Berkeley Recreation Center

Attendees:

	Present	Not Present		Present	Not Present
Beth Collis	✓		Christine Partite		✓
Lori Modica	✓		Sandra Durant	✓	
Anthony Facciponte		✓	Peggy Felton	✓	
Marion McGrath	✓		Anthony Modica		✓
Debbie Ferreri	✓		Bob Nunn	✓	
Elizabeth Adamo		✓	Nancy Wieme	✓	
Phillip Antoine	✓		Cathy Mundry	✓	
			Kathy Viso	✓	

Call to order: Beth Collis at 10:10 am

Roll Call: Please see above

Beth Collis, President – Introduction

Beth reminded all members if you RSVP to say you will attend, we plan the amount of food and drinks accordingly. When you don't show, we have wasted membership money that we could have used for other important events. Please take this into consideration when you respond to future events.

Beth introduced the following guests who would be in the back of the room during the meeting to answer members' questions. John Bacchione, Councilman at Large, Jim Byrnes, Councilman Ward 1, and members of the police and fire departments.

Beth also introduced Guest Speaker Ken Anderson, Berkeley Township Code Enforcement

Irene Benn – Scholarship Committee

Irene introduced the two scholarship winners. The winners graciously thanked BSHCA for the awards. Emily Gale will attend Fairfield University, and Anthony Fraser will attend Centenary University in the fall.

Ken Anderson – Code Enforcement

Ken deals with all the housing and retail inspections for Berkeley. He reminded everyone that you can contact him by phone or email about any issues. He mentioned that any code complaint that you may have can be made anonymously. He also stated that due to Covid 19 the courts are back-logged. Ken also wanted to inform members that a bulkhead permit can take up to a year to receive.

Lori Modica – New Board Members

Due to vacancies on the board and directors needing assistance, names of members in good standing were submitted by the president and approved by the executive board to fill these positions. Lori made a motion to accept the new board members. It was seconded by Bob Nunn and approved. The members are: Debbie Ferreri, Secretary, Christine Partite, Environmental Director, Peggy Felton, Co Social Director, Cathy Mundry, Welcome Director, Kathy Viso Co-Welcome Director.

Phillip Antoine – Bylaws Amendments

Phil explained to the membership that the amendments to the by-laws have been approved by the executive board. During the discussion today we are asking the membership to ratify the amendments. On May 23 a copy of the changes was sent to all members. There was a brief discussion on the changes made. Please see below. Phil made a motion to ratify the amendments and Bob Nunn seconded. The motion was passed. Phil reminded the membership that any questions could be sent to the executive board via email

-Attendance at meetings based on a percentage of that current year's total membership rather than fixed numbers.

-Number of meetings per year

-Change of fiscal year

-An officer moving outside of Berkeley Shores during their term can continue until the end of their term

-Immediate Past President – measures to assure a smooth transition

Lori Modica – Membership

Lori stated that for the year July 1 2021 – June 30, 2022, there were 339 households which means about 700 members. Our new payment system, CheddarUp, was introduced during this period and 52% of the members paid by credit card or e-check using this system.

So far for the year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023, there are 235 households and 68% paid by CheddarUp.

Lori introduced Cathy Mundry and Kathy Viso who are the director and co-director of the new Welcome Committee. They will speak to any new people who have moved into the community to explain the benefits of being a member of BSHCA. Lori also asked that all members speak to people in the community, whether they are new members of the community or have been part of the community for a while, and explain the benefits of being a member of BSHCA. A question was asked about how many households there are in the area. Lori responded that there are over 1,000 waterfront homes in Berkeley Shores. All waterfront homes were sent a letter via USPS about becoming a member of BSHCA in May and there are reminders on the Veeder Island message board and posters along Veeder Lane. Also, all information is on the website.

Beth mentioned that Lori would be retiring from the Membership Director position next year. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the position, please contact Lori or Beth.

Beth Collis – Awards

Beth Collis presented a plaque to Chuck Crunkleton in appreciation for his many years of service to BSHCA especially for his work on the Environmental Committee. Chuck was not able to attend, but the plaque was immediately delivered to his home by Lori.

Beth also presented awards to Jerry and JoAnn Coppola for their years of hard work and dedication as social directors.

Sandra Durant – Social Director

Sandra informed the members that there will be another basket drawing on July 4, please check the Facebook page. The year end meeting will occur on September 24, 2022. It will be held at the Bayville Fire Department. There will be a buffet dinner, a DJ, and a cash bar. More information will be provided via email soon. Also, for the rest of the summer, there will be some pop-up events. An example would be "Ice Cream on the Beach". Please check your emails periodically for more information.

Beth reminded everyone about Yoga on the Beach every Saturday at 8:00 am at Amherst Beach. The \$10 dollar fee goes directly to the instructor.

Anthony Facciponte – 2nd Vice President

Anthony was not able to attend but wrote a letter to the membership which was read. The Berkeley Shores apparel proceeds of over \$300 have provided calling cards for service men & women overseas. He also mentioned the revamping of the association's advertising page on the web. A variety of new businesses will be added to the page. Anthony will send periodic updates to the membership.

Treasurer's Report – Marion McGrath

Marion reported the balance as of June 25, 2022 is \$16,561.27

Bob Nunn – Director Scholarship and Code

The speaker scheduled to speak about Fema 2.0 was unable to attend due to illness. Bob provided some information to the membership. Your elevation certificate is no longer used to set your premium. A new algorithm using location, construction, elevation and other factors are used. This information has not been released by Fema yet. When any new information is released, it will be posted on the website. An elevation certificate is still needed to get a C/O

Real Estate: The market appears to be slowing down a bit due to higher interest rates. There are a few months inventory now as opposed to only a few weeks. Check the BSHCA website real estate tab for information on homes for sale and recently sold homes.

Atlantic City Boat Trip: Due to the high cost of fuel it was decided not to have the trip this year. It will be monitored for the future.

Police Department

The membership asked questions about speeding on Bayview Ave, specifically motorcycle racing. The Sergeant provided the membership with phone numbers so that they could contact the police department. If the incident is happening at the time, please call the dispatch number and if available, an office will be sent out. These calls can be made anonymously. Members also asked for more patrols on Allen Rd.

732-341-1132 non-emergency automated system

732-341-6600 – dispatch

A member asked if the police boat can be stationed outside the main inlet at Amherst, due to boats that are speeding out of the inlet. The dredging of the inlet was delayed due to Terrapin Turtle nesting. If everyone maintains the correct speed it will help to keep the water at 5.5 – 6 ft.

Fire Department

A question was asked from the membership, for emergency purposes, where is the best place to show your house number. The chief replied that it was best on the mailbox. The chief asked that if you see an emergency situation that you please call 911 yourself, do not assume that someone else has called.

Christine Partite- Environmental Director

Christine was unable to attend. Beth reported that there will be a food and toy drive in November that date TBD. There will also be a fall road clean-up also that date TBD.

Anthony Modica – Island & Signs Director

Anthony was unable to attend, but Beth reported that the township has provided a sign for Amherst Beach. "Take trash & sun and leave only footprints"

Questions from membership

A question was asked about dredging. No dredging can be done due to the Terrapin Turtles which are an endangered species. Next year the township may have to come in with a barge. Beth will try to talk to the waterways commission about doing the dredging earlier next year in case the turtles return.

A question was asked about the progress of having a proper bathroom facility at Amherst beach. There has been no progress yet. The township has provided porta-potties. Beth can try to speak to the mayor about the subject.

Another member asked if the Amherst beach is only open to Berkeley Shores residents. The beach is owned by the state and managed by the township. It is open to anyone.

Motion to adjourn: Beth Collis
Seconded: Bob Nunn
Adjournment: 11:28

Debbie Ferreri