

**BERKELEY SHORES HOMEOWNERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
MINUTES**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 24, 2015

Call to Order: 6:30 PM - Fred Bekiarian, President Recreation Center Bayville, NJ

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Present:

Fred Bekiarian
Bob Nunn
Gary Tepper
Lucille Pavolic
Jerry Coppola
Bob Mandracchia
John Schnitzer
Nancy Wieme

Not Present:

Ken Gerb

SALUTE TO OUR FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

FRED BEKIARIAN:

Welcome BSHCA members.

Introduction of Speakers:

Bill McGrath, McGrath Surveying and Waterfront Consulting, Brick New Jersey
John Hill, Hill Insurance Agency, Bayville New Jersey

BILL MCGRATH - UPDATED FEMA FLOOD MAP:

Presentation of flood maps and most current information:

- The new Base Flood Elevation Levels are expected to be approved for flood insurance purposes in 2016.
- Most or all of Berkeley Shores waterfront properties will be flood zone, including those currently in the X zone
- Appears that rates will be higher upon approval of the new FEMA BFE's to be adopted in 2016 and phased in with incremental increases each year.
- Look up your proposed BFE for specific information for your property.
- Factors to consider; rating of municipality, elevations of home at, above or below the BFE, sufficient foundation vents, elevation of AC units and depth of crawlspace.
- Mr. McGrath is willing to answer any members questions regarding this issue.

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John Hill - Presentation of Flood Insurance Issues:

- Lenders will require mortgaged properties in an identified flood zone to acquire a policy.
- Flood insurance for non-mortgaged properties will be left to the discretion of the owner.
- Policies will be processed with grandfathered rates.
- Question and answer session followed his presentation.

INTROUCTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND REPORTS:

- **Jerry Coppola - Social Committee:**
Picnic arrangements are completed. Considering social events throughout year.
Request suggestions and interests for new trips from membership.
- **Bob Mandraccia - Committee Director:**
Garage Sale Committee will be held in August this year.
Bylaws Committee is open to any suggestions or questions from members.
- **John Schnitzer - Environment:**
Road cleanups planned - volunteers needed for morning (9 to 12) on May 15 to meet at open lot on Veeder Lane. ShopRite will donate trash bags and gloves.
Donation of fiberglass boat, used as decoration centerpiece for plants on Center Island, would be appreciated. Wooden boat on island is in disrepair.
Fred Bekiarian requests volunteers for John's Environmental Committee.
- **Bob Nunn - Scholarships and Codes:**
Scholarship - Liaison with Jim Benn's Committee for two awards for June meeting.
Codes Enforcement - A derelict water vessel has been brought to Township's attention and they will take responsibility.
- **Gary Tepper - Treasury:**
\$11,135 revenue to date.
Fiscal year for organization is June 1 to May 31.
- **Nancy Wieme - Website:**
Website has many visitors to site every week bringing positive attention to BSHCA.
Check site for upcoming events - What's Happening!
Internet "help tips" for all members on website.

Jim Benn - Scholarship Committee:

- Modified Monetary Awards - Two \$750 Scholarships
- Eighteen Applicants
- Three applicants related to organization members

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Bill Grochowicz:

- Requested BSHCA Fall 2014 General Membership Minutes be read by Board Secretary.
- Requested that Old and New Business be discussed before close of meeting.
- Fred Bekiarian stated Old and New Business will be addressed before close of meeting.
- No record of Fall General Membership Minutes, Board Secretary, Lucille Pavolic.

Bob Mandracchia - Official Association Business - Bylaws:

Two changes and one additional bylaw presented at meeting to be voted upon by members.

1. **Change - Appointed Positions held by Board Members**

Article VII Section 2 C - Eligibility

Allow Executive Board member to hold BSHCA position as well as a non-paid or appointed local, county, state or Federal government position.

2. **Change - Meetings**

Article VII Section 3 C - Meetings

A majority of 51% of Board Members present constitute valid quorum for business.

3. **New Addition - Meetings**

Allow Board to conduct meetings in Person, E-Mail, Teleconferencing or Skype with majority of 51% to meet quorum requirement.

Bill Grochowicz:

Requested opportunity to address membership regarding Bylaw 1. He stated reasons why members should vote no to change Article VII Section 2 C - Eligibility. The bylaw was specifically written to avoid any conflict of interest by Board Members. Gave examples of situations within organization that led to the inclusion and wording of this Bylaw in 2007 by the Bylaws Committee.

Bill McGrath:

Requested opportunity to address membership regarding Bylaw 1. He stated reasons why members should vote yes to change Article VII Section 2 C - Eligibility. The bylaw would allow Board Members to sit on any local, county, state or Federal government board and also sit on BSHCA Board. He stated that BSHCA is a social organization and the requested change to the bylaw was important. In his opinion members should vote for this change.

Members present voted on the three Bylaws as presented to them in accordance with Article XI Section 1 - Bylaw Amendment

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Bylaws Voted By Membership:

- 1. Change - Article VII Section 2 C - Eligibility - No
- 2. Change - Article VII Section 3 C - Meetings - Yes
- 3. New Addition - Meetings - Yes

Fred Bekiarian - General Membership Meeting - Executive Board Election:

- Meeting to be held at Recreation Center for members on May 20, 2015 to introduce candidates for the 2015-2017 Executive Board Term. Election to be held on June 20, 2015 at the Annual Membership Meeting.
- The Nominating Committee Members; Richard Andrews, Marian McGrath, Rich Pachucki.
- Following candidates presented to members by Richard Andrews:

President: Fred Bekiarian
Bob Mandracchia
First VP: Ken Gerb
Bill Grochowicz
Second VP: Bob Nunn
Treasurer: Gary Tepper
Secretary: Lucille Pavolic
Directors: Jerry Cappola
Chuck Crunkleton
Anthony Laporta
John Schnitzer
Nancy Wieme

- Richard Andrews made request to members asking for additional candidates.
- No additional candidates added to slate at this meeting by Saturday, April 25, 2015 members.
- Nominations closed for any additional candidates.

Attachments (3)

Fred Bekiarian:

Final closing remarks regarding his thoughts regarding meeting.

Fred Bekiarian made motion to adjourn meeting, second Bob Nunn.

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Adjournment: 9:00 PM

Lucille Pavolic, Secretary: _____

Date Approved: _____

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