

BOG Meeting August 10, 2020

In attendance were: Governors Bill Szczytko, Dawn Myers, Jeff Roche, Beau Breeden, Mary Lamb, Cheri Fairchild, Lisa Schmidt, Jerome Zadera, Matt Layman and Neil Macindoe, Town Manager Ryan Anderson, Budget Committee members Michael Buchet and Charlie Moore, and guests Michele Shipley, Becky Benner, Sam Papps, Stacey Wildberger and Larry Jennings.

President Szczytko called the meeting to order in an online session of GoToMeeting at 7:36 pm. The meeting was not held at the Cox meeting room in accordance with the social distance guidelines set by the state of Maryland and Anne Arundel County due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He thanked the beach attendants for their continued hard work, stated that voting will not take place at the clubhouse in 2020 and then introduced Sam Papps, a local Eagle Scout candidate.

Sam Papps presented his desire to construct 3 benches for the Serene Ravine based on plans by Aldo Leopold, a noted conservationist for his Eagle Scout project. He would move the existing memorial bench to a different location within the Serene Ravine and install the new ones secured in concrete. Each would have a plaque with a quote from Mr. Leopold. When asked about funding his project, Sam said that fundraising is part of the learning process and that he would be asking local businesses to sponsor and CSCIA to offer some financial help. Stacey Wildberger added that the Cape Conservation Corps (CCC) has already committed to help, planning to pay for the plaques. Sam is to submit expected costs to the Board soon. It was discussed more in closed session.

Minutes of July 13, 2020 were reviewed. A motion to approve was made by Governor Breeden, seconded by Governor Macindoe and unanimously approved.

The P&L statement of June 30, 2020 was reviewed. A motion was made by Governor Roche and seconded by Governor Fairchild. Discussion followed expressing concern with some of the numbers, including the issue of the late check from Anne Arundel County that was supposed to be received in FY20 but has not arrived. Governor Fairchild moved that the to table the original motion until the report could be reviewed further and discussed with the accountant and auditor. Governor Breeden seconded that motion and it passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town Manager- Town Manager Anderson reported the outstanding vegetation management plans, and that there was a complaint made by a resident that another had trimmed within the critical area buffer for a better water view. Mr. Anderson has spoken to both residents and is working with the covenants committee on the issue. The yardarm for the main beach flagpole is still awaiting installation. He discussed the beach attendant schedule, with college and vacations causing gaps in coverage. The Mosquito Spraying program is continuing, and information and maps are available on the CSCIA website. The clubhouse has opened for 50% capacity rental bookings, but the county is not issuing one-day liquor licenses, so alcohol is not permitted. Masks are required in any shared spaces when not actively eating or drinking. There was a slight confusion about table and chair storage and the disinfection process but that has been resolved. Due to water infiltration in the chimney during the tropical storm on August 4, the fire annunciator system alarm went off. It was serviced and a new contract with BFPE has been signed for yearly inspection and testing. The Cape Clean Up is still scheduled for September 18 & 19. The piers committee meeting was postponed due the tropical storm and rescheduled for August 11. Power to the Deep Creek pier was out temporarily during the storm. The Lake Claire security cameras needed to be reset after the storm but are back up now. The Oyster Spat Program has been approved. Oyster spat will go to the Horn Point Laboratory and Oyster Nursery. There have been complaints regarding the overgrowth on county property along Cape St Claire Road at Mountaintop. It has been reported but there has been no response from the county. The new security officer was trained and with that addition, we will have the most coverage we have had, 23 of 31 days. The business office remains closed and now the door between the office and the Cox meeting room remains closed. Customers coming to the door must wear masks. No other staff is to come into the office unless absolutely necessary. The outstanding check from the county for FY2020 SCBD payments has not arrived. The Swim Club has paid their portion of the property taxes and we are awaiting the BLOA portion. The Swim Club is currently closed due to an electrical bonding issue.

Beaches and Parks: Governor Macindoe reported that a tree came down during the storm at the entrance to Lake Claire and that it was removed by Richard's Tree Service the next day, thanks to the quick response from them and Mr. Anderson.

Budget: Budget committee chair Buchet reported that the budget process is well underway, with spreadsheets for the SCBD side and the non-SCBD side needing to be combined and finalized. With the June 30 FY2020 financial reports not approved, the budget cannot be completed. Governor Zadera recommended that the budget meeting currently scheduled for August 24 remain as is and hope for resolution on the financials by then.

Covenants: Governor Layman reported the request to the county for a non-conforming use permit for 2 dwelling units on a single lot at 1312 Breezeway Drive has not been decided yet. The county project officer is awaiting more information from the residents and will call when a decision is reached. He also reported that he has received complaints about the CSC Rd/Mountaintop Drive intersection overgrowth also.

Clubhouse: Governor Lamb said that she would like to present new rental fees in closed session due to the capacity limits, hours changes and alcohol prohibition. The Cape Clean Up is scheduled for September 18 & 19

Caper: Governor Lamb reported 3 new advertisers and the addition of a puzzle this month. She asked for articles to add interesting reading.

Strawberry Festival: Governor Lamb reported that the Strawberry Festival is definitely canceled and there will be a wait and see approach to Halloween Happenings and Breakfast with Santa.

Buildings: Governor Roche asked that anyone submitting a building request please read it thoroughly and submit ALL requested information with the application to save time and energy.

Events: Governor Myers said that because not all residents use social media she recommends an email blast. It would be through a service such as Mail Chimp and there would be no maintenance of the email list by the CSCIA office. Governor Fairchild stated that planning is still underway for the Christmas tree lighting and children's sing-along. The first ever virtual quarterly meeting took place on July 28 and a lot of lessons were learned on how to make that work better.

Piers: Governor Breeden thanked Town Manager Anderson for his response to piers issues. The next piers meeting is August 11. The piers budget will be emailed to the piers committee for review. The power outage was regional, including a portion of the neighborhood, not just the pier. Slip holders who did not have a boat in their slip for 3 consecutive checks were notified that if they continue to not use the slip as required, they could potentially not be offered a slip next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden announced that due to the present litigation regarding the pier under construction of River Bay Rd, an effort is being made to better record the reasons why certain lots have riparian rights (such as those that had houses prior to the existence of the CSCIA) to avoid another such incident in the future. A meeting was held with President Szczytko, Governor Breeden, Town Manager Anderson, Office Manager Coble and the attorney for the CSCIA to work on the phrasing of the triannual letter sent to those with riparian rights with more detailed wording to better protect CSCIA. Governor Breeden also reported that we are waiting on the Army Corps of Engineers permit and once it is received the Anne Arundel County permit request can be completed for Site #1, Main Beach. For Site #2, Lake Claire, the Maryland Board of Public works approval came in on July 22. Biohabitats, Alliance for the Chesapeake and CSCIA are working together on permitting for that site.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

COMMENTS

Charlie Moore asked about permissions needed for a living shoreline at a lot with riparian rights. He is to contact the building committee and President Szczytko for more discussion.

Stacey Wildberger thanked the many volunteers who have shown up as Weed Warriors on Wednesday evenings. With 10-15 people each pulling a bag of weeds, they remain prolific. The CCC Native Plant sale will occur with social distancing rules on September 26 from 9 am to noon, or until sold out.

Michael Buchet announced the Goshen Farm Phantom Winetasting & Raffle fundraiser to fund upcoming major projects. See the Goshen Farm events page of their website for details and more information on the great raffle baskets and services.

Becky Benner announced the next Garden Club meeting to take place socially distant in the corral behind the clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Governor Fairchild to adjourn and move to a closed session. It was seconded by Governor Breeden and approved unanimously. The August 10, 2020 meeting of the CSCIA Board of Governors was adjourned to a closed session at 8:22 pm.

CLOSED SESSION

A closed session was convened at 8:23 pm and adjourned at 10:34 pm. Regular session adjourned at 10:35 pm.