

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JULY 23, 2019**

The July Quarterly Membership Meeting was convened on July 23, 2019 in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. President Szczytko called the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. He thanked all for coming, mentioning the heat this past week. He noted that the new CSCIA logo is online. He thanked Governor Lamb and her crew for a successful Strawberry Festival, and he thanked Governors Fairchild and Schmidt for a successful July 4th parade and activities. He congratulated Governor Breeden and Town Manager Anderson for obtaining a \$298,000 grant from CBT for the beach restoration project.

Tonight's guests are Reece Peak, from County Community Engagement and Constituent Services, and Brian Prendergrast, from MDA Mosquito Control.

Reece Peak, from the office of County Executive Pittman, introduced himself and said he's been on the job since March. He noted the recent budget passage, which includes funding for 136 additional teachers, 27 new counselors and social workers, 60 new special education teachers, 10 new police officers, a new police helicopter, 70 new firefighters over the next 2 years, 13 new detention positions, 4 new environmental inspectors, and money for renovations in County parks. He asked what can the county do to improve things, and noted that Town Manager Anderson has his contact information, should anyone want to get in touch with him with questions or comments. Lou Biondi pointed out to all that the County Executive has come out supporting and saving Goshen Farm, which garnered a round of applause. Reece Peak thanked Town Manager Anderson for his help.

Brian Prendergast, the program manager for MDA Mosquito Control, said spraying is in effect in 15 counties, with Anne Arundel being the biggest program. They are treating 300 out of 450 communities in our county. He said they had planned to hire 6 truck drivers for the county but only have 4 at the moment. He noted that we have not had as much rain as last year so the mosquito problem is not as bad. He said spraying is dictated by how many mosquitoes are found in the traps, with the need to have a minimum of 25 females, or by the truck drivers getting out and seeing how many times they are bitten in a given period.

He said the Asian tiger mosquito is the worst, but that it doesn't fly more than 500 yards in its life. It bites during the day. He said there are 60 to 65 types of mosquitoes in our area and most fly at night. The most effective control is to empty or treat, with a larvacide or mosquito tornado, any standing water. And rain barrels need to be tight and mosquito-proof. He also noted that English ivy is a prime breeding spot.

He said that there have not been enough mosquitoes in the Cape so far this year to justify spraying, which would normally occur on a Wednesday night from 7 P.M. to 2 A.M. Rain and holidays can affect the spraying days.

The spray has to land on the mosquitoes to kill them and is done at night so the droplets don't disperse into the atmosphere.

He added that there are 20 spraying exemptions in the Cape, which limit spraying to within 300 feet of either side of the exempt property. The program contacts exempted properties every 2 years to see if the exemptions are still valid. If you are within an exempt zone and want your property treated there are private companies that will do the job, or you can buy spray and do it yourself, trying not to kill other beneficial insects in the process. BTI (*Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *israelensis*), a naturally occurring bacterium found in soils kills larvae, while permethrin kills adults.

The presentation ended with some discussion of private mosquito control companies and whether they used natural or chemical sprays.

We thanked Brian for his presentation.

President Szczytko asked if there were any questions on voting for the bylaw changes and said this was the time for final votes and ballot collection.

Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the April 23, 2019 Membership Meeting: Charlie Moore moved that these minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Brad Knopf and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report / Approval of Profit & Loss (P&L) Statements:

The February 28, March 31, and April 30, 2019 P&Ls: Lou Biondi moved that these P&L statements be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Larry Jennings and was approved unanimously.

BREAK

There was a break from 8:20 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

The Town Manager reported the following: The playgrounds were complete as of May 3; there is ongoing maintenance of the Main Beach steps after rainstorms; beach attendants are doing a good job – please be polite to them and other guests; signs are on the recycling bins to deal with unacceptable items being discarded; there are two outstanding vegetation management plans; Main Beach gate has been repaired; we had a successful Independence Day; there have been issues with tree clearing on our property and we are educating people with the county forester; the swim buoys are out with one to repair; mosquito spraying is ongoing; electrical repairs were made on the Main Beach prior to Strawberry Festival; there were plantings at Lake Claire by Girl Scout Olivia West on May 11, which were inspected on June 14; water quality testing on the Cape has been good; the Boy Scout troop cleaned up the Main Beach on July 20; a new entrance sign at Lake Claire pier will be going up; the pump out day at Deep Creek was a success with 3 boats and 28 gallons of waste being dealt with – there will be another in the next few months; the Clubhouse bathroom renovations are almost complete; the CCC plans to revitalize the rain garden in the fall; sidewalks at the Clubhouse have been repaired; the fire extinguishers have all been inspected; we are getting a new entrance sign on Cape St, Claire Road; the workman's compensation audit is done, the fidelity bond for Board members has been updated and our property taxes have been paid; he is meeting regularly with the BLOA; he is dealing with the county over step pond and drainage issues; there is an upcoming step pool project on Lake Claire Drive; he is coordinating bamboo removal with Atlantis behind Southview Drive; the county continues with road patching; there have been about 134 issues reported to 3-1-1 this year, including 82 vehicle related, 13 overgrown lawns, 12 trash or refuse problems, 11 drainage issues, 4 road issues, 2 building violations, 2 grading violations, bulk metal pick up and storage unit removal issues; there has been a significant increase in reporting due to Town Manager patrols and the ease of reporting through 311/See Click Fix; there have been official complaints about the Green Holly/Chestnut Tree intersection; he will be going for more stormwater training in December; there are now 4 officers patrolling the Cape; we still

have problems with cars being broken into at the Clubhouse; the Main Beach was hit with vandalism on June 8; we are looking forward to Cape Clean Up on July 26 and 27, and Halloween Happenings and trick or treating in October.

He added that if there are problems at the beaches, the attendants call him, or Governors Macindoe or Breeden. If it's an emergency the police get called and we try to get parents on the scene if juveniles are involved. A resident noted the number of non-resident vehicles and parties in the evenings, in which case they can call the Town manager or the police non-emergency number. That led to a discussion of beach and clubhouse use for gatherings.

Another resident mentioned people walking in the middle of the roads, civility to beach attendants, and trimming bushes blocking the view at Sun Valley and Hampton. Town Manager Anderson said that if the vegetation is on private property the county has to send certified letters to the owners.

Governor Lamb said the final inspections for the new bathrooms are coming up. She reminded all of the Cape Clean Up and said forms and information for Halloween Happenings will be in the Caper. She noted there were lots of photos of Cape activities in the Caper this month. She said the new entrance sign will be similar to the existing brick and wood one.

BYLAW VOTE

The changes to the bylaws were approved with 95% of the vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Governor Breeden said we have \$298,868 from CBT and \$25,000 from the bond bill toward the beach restoration project. We did not submit a DNR grant. Letters from MDE have been sent out to property owners within 300 feet of the Main Beach and Lake Claire to comment on the projects by August 1. We are looking at a projected total cost of \$989,601 for the Main Beach, with a 10% cost overrun built in. The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, CBT, and Biohabitats all think we'll stay below that estimate, so we are going to need \$645,000 to cover the cost. We could have permits in hand and be ready to go by October, so we would need a loan by then. We are working with Severn Bank and BB&T, looking at 10 and 15 year loans at various interest rates with draw periods to save on interest. Loan payments would go from our SCBD money directly to the bank, and any loan would first have to be approved by the County Council. There might be enough left for Lake Claire work. We also may have to propose raising the assessment. The work could be done over the winter with the Main Beach ready for Strawberry Festival, and Lake Claire by the end of next year.

There was some discussion of the process of obtaining a loan and the \$130,000 estimate for Lake Claire and sources of funding for that.

Governor Breeden pointed out that we have taken resolutions of support for these projects in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018, and felt that we needed a motion stating that we are committed to continuing the Capital Improvement Beach Project through 2019 into 2020 and working to obtain a loan for up to \$750,000 for that purpose. Phil Ourisson proposed the motion, it was seconded by Stacy Wildberger and passed unanimously.

The Budget Committee added that they recommend taking out a 15 year loan with no pre-pay penalty.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

COMMENTS

Lou Biondi mentioned the Goshen Farm wine tasting to be held on August 17. They are looking to get 200 attendees. He also mentioned the summer concert series at Goshen Farm on Friday night, starting at 6:30 P.M.

Stacy Wildberger mentioned the CCC native plant sale on September 21 and the fundraiser on November 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry Jennings moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Phil Ourisson and passed unanimously. The July 23, 2019 Quarterly Meeting of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

The following Governors were present: Breeden, Lamb, Layman, Macindoe, Roche, Schmidt, Szczytko, and Zadera, as was Town Manager Anderson. Governor Fairchild was absent.