

**CAPE ST. CLAIRE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JULY 24, 2018**

The July Quarterly Membership Meeting was convened on July 24, 2018 at 7:35 P.M. in the Cape St. Claire Clubhouse. President Breeden called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. and thanked all for attending. He noted the historic recent rains and was glad we all survived. He said it's been a busy summer, what with hiring our Town Manager, the Strawberry Festival, the 4th of July festivities, and much use of our beaches and parks. He said that tonight we will have a presentation from Eric Tabacek of Traffic Engineering to discuss speeding and other issues that the Board has been discussing with them. There will be committee updates after the presentation.

President Breeden then went on to publicly recognize the loss at the Capital Gazette, particularly that of Wendi Winters, who was a long-time Cape resident. He said the Board has been considering ways to honor her, such as perhaps a "kindness rock" garden at Little Magothy Beach, down the street from her former residence. He then asked for a moment of silence for Wendi and her colleagues.

Eric Tabacek began his presentation on traffic and speed awareness by mentioning that he had met with President Breeden to discuss issues. He said Traffic Engineering is looking to install speed activated flashers on Green Holly before the high school, on Cape St. Claire Road before the fire station, and on Blue Ridge by the elementary school. They will try to have them installed by next spring. They will be solar powered. When asked about data on their effectiveness, he replied that it depends on the drivers and the location. He noted that Anne Arundel County does not have speed cameras permanently in place anywhere. President Breeden added that we are continuing to try and find solutions to speed issues in the Cape, including looking into islands, signage, and speed bumps. He said that we have spent a lot of time, over the past 5 years, dealing with speed issues with the county. He said that if residents want traffic studies, they need to bring a petition to the Board, with at least 5 to 10 people willing to participate. He added that community involvement is very important in dealing with this issue.

Mike Buchet moved that the CSCIA pursue the latest plan of installing speed activated flashers, as presented tonight. The motion was seconded by Lou Biondi and passed unanimously.

A resident brought up the lack of sidewalks on Green Holly near the high school, and President Breeden explained the crosswalk situation there.

Secretary's Report / Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the April 24, 2018 Quarterly Meeting: Phil Ourisson moved that these minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Lou Biondi and the minutes were approved unanimously.

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

The February 28, March 31, and April 30, 2018 P&Ls: Mike Buchet moved that these P&L statements be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Reg Barss. In response to a question regarding income and expenditures, President Breeden explained how Piers financing works dealing with both the

calendar year and the fiscal year. He also noted some of the unexpected costs this year. The motion was then approved unanimously.

There was a break from 8:10 to 8:20 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS

President Breeden updated us on the multiple pier projects. The Lake Claire boat pier middle section was raised and the standpipe replaced. The far end will need to be dealt with soon. Little Magothy pier was raised in its entirety and a standpipe was installed. There was some problem with the county determining the ownership of the lot at Little Magothy pier. At Deep Creek, there was work done where the bulkhead meets the walkway to stabilize that area. There are no more major pier projects coming up soon.

Town Manager Anderson mentioned our playground survey and the results, and noted that we saved \$15,000 by combining work on the 2 areas. The permitting process has started and the new playgrounds will be installed in mid-October. Both will be ADA accessible.

President Breeden said the beach attendants have been working out well. There was a comment from the floor complimenting the beach attendants for their good response to a bad situation. The Town Manager responded by saying we should support them and thank them for the job they do.

Governor Lamb said the Clubhouse will be getting 3 new bathrooms: one ladies', one men's, and one ADA accessible. She also noted the new community signboard that we're getting and showed a picture of the design. She said we will then redo and reposition the entrance welcome sign.

Governor Fairchild noted the successful 4th of July celebration and said there are good videos online. She said her committee is working on Halloween Happenings now.

Governor Macindoe said there are more Eagle Scout projects in the works, including bat houses in the Cape.

Governor Lamb thanked Governor Szczytko for his work on the Strawberry Festival webpage, and mentioned the Cape cleanup, scheduled for September 7 and 8.

President Breeden discussed the beach projects, noting that we were turned down for both the bond bill and the DNR grants and that there is still no official word on county money. He said another round of bidding for county money is coming up. He said we have signed the paperwork to continue the permitting process with the Corps of Engineers, the county, and MDE for the Main Beach and Lake Claire. He said money is more likely to show up the closer we get to having final permits and being shovel ready. The Board is going to be working with groups to get help writing our grant applications. We do have 2 years after final permits to find funding, and that can be extended to 5 years. There was some discussion about the floating gardens at Deep Creek.

Governor Fairchild said the cscia.org/volunteer site is up and running. Community efforts can be posted and there will be all kinds of opportunities for people to volunteer to help the Cape and its organizations.

NEW BUSINESS

President Breeden said we will be holding a candidates' night before the election, sometime in early to mid October.

Jane Barss mentioned the poor voter turnout for the primary election.

President Breeden said that it is budget season, and if any residents have anything they'd like to see funded they need to let the Board know at budget@cscia.org.

He also added that we are looking for people to run for the Board or the Budget Committee in the January election. The Board is currently at 9 members but it can go up to 12.

President Breeden said a Mr. Murphy of Cape St. Claire Road been entering cars with the doors unlocked. He has been banned from Cape property and the shopping center and was recently arrested. He added that beach attendants have been very good about reminding people to lock their vehicles. He said there was some recent vandalism on Skyway.

Lou Biondi mentioned the Goshen Farm wine tasting coming up at the Sullivan home on August 18, and said the next free concert will be Friday night.

John Pirchio discussed ongoing problems with drainage and a swale on Mt. Pleasant at the Morris property. Water no longer drains properly since curbs were built and is causing major problems on the Morris property. He would like the Board to work with the county to address the problem as part of the Cat Branch restoration project. Our Town Manager will work with Mr. Pirchio and the county to try and get something done, and the Board will advocate with Capital Infrastructure. That could be a 5 year project but there may be ways to get emergency funds. We can also work with our new County Council member.

COMMENTS

It was noted that some people aren't reporting that the storm drains by their houses needing cleaning, resulting in standing water. President Breeden said there is no enforcement of that and 311 should be called to deal with those problems.

A resident commented on the bioswale that was put in by the fire station.

ADJOURNMENT

Mike Buchet moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Barbara Breeden and passed unanimously. The July 24, 2018 Quarterly Meeting of the Cape St. Claire Improvement Association was adjourned at 9:12 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Governors Breeden, Fairchild, Lamb, Layman, Macindoe, Roche, Schmidt, Szczytko, and Zadera were present, as were Town Manager Anderson and Budget Committee chair Buchet.