

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2016

Attending:

John Tennyson
Ed Ebenbach
Bruce Allen
Kimberly Patterson
Bill Chernelich

Barbara Truncellito
MaryAnn Crutchlow
Alan Thomas
Steve Pines (via telephone)

Excused:

Dottie Reynolds

- I. John Tennyson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
 - o John expressed his gratitude to everyone for taking time out of their Saturday morning to attend the meeting.
- II. Approval of minutes from January 16, 2016 meeting. Minutes were unanimously approved.
- III. Reports
 - o Treasurer's Report – Bruce Allen
The YTD December 2015 report was posted online prior to the meeting. We have been in discussion regarding moving funds to another bank. Bill Chernelich reached out to Ocean First Bank. Bill stated that they did not express interest so he will continue research and determine options on the best way to manage depositing checks and with which bank. Bill will continue to research and report back.
 - o Membership Report – Ed Ebenbach
Ed reported that we currently have 318 total members. 95 lifetime. 172 renewals, 51 new members. (report attached)
 - o Open Space Report – Barbara Truncellito
Nothing new to report. There is an open space meeting in May. Barbara will follow up.
 - o JCTA Report – John Tennyson
No meeting in Feb or March, probably April.
 - o Borough Council Report - John Tennyson
Ed and John attended budget meeting last week. Budget for Barnegat Light was approved. There is no municipal budget tax increase for this year.

Key points: boardwalks are done 15th through 23rd Streets, they're working on 14th Street now.

There was a break in on 4th Street. Lot of damage, much stolen, suspect was



apprehended. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have Megan Trainor come and provide a refresher on overall safety, like the recent IRS scams, software scams, etc.

The current dog park will be brought back to a baseball field. The dog park will be moved further west. There will be a fence and gates with the plan for it to be electronically controlled with fobs.

o Communications – John Tennyson

Kimberly Patterson took a moment to thank John for keeping the board and homeowners informed and plugged in. It created a positive perception of the BLTA to homeowners.

• Website update – Kimberly Patterson

It's good to have points of comparison on website use and to compare it against times that we send out homeowner emails, or other communication.

• Newsletter – John Tennyson

MaryAnn did a great job again! We'll post it on website. We need to research a new printer as ours will no longer be able to print it. MaryAnn will pursue and report back.

• President's Letter by Email – John Tennyson

Should we send it electronically as well as post on the website?

IV. New Business – Items for Discussion

o Correspondence (sent via email) – John Tennyson

We received letters from homeowners and we are blind copying council members where applicable. We are responding to every letter and providing guidance to them.

o Initial Survey Results – Ed Ebenbach

Ed shared the 2016 Survey Responses and comments. There are a large number of responses that will be consolidated by topic. The open space topics will be shared with council. We will not record survey responses for non-members, other than the ones regarding open space.

o Little Free Library project update – Alan Thomas/MaryAnn Crutchlow

The LFL will be sized at 30x30x17 with a shelf. It will be made of vinyl, waterproofed and Plexiglass. Posts will be pressure-treated wood so that it's maintenance free. Timeframe for completion will be approximately mid-April. MaryAnn stated that 4 people have expressed an interest in helping to maintain the LFL. Put flyer/notice on bulletin board in post office.

o Membership Database project – Ed Ebenbach

Bill Chnelich, Kimberly Patterson and Steve Pines have agreed to work on researching and implementing an electronic database system. Ed reviewed the Database Application Description document and shared the general specs of the current database.



- Other New Business – Kimberly Patterson
We started a FB group. It's different from a FB page – people have to “join”. We discussed sharing the news about the FB group via a Chimp Mail notice.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am

Recorded and submitted by:

Kimberly Patterson
Recording Secretary
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