

**Green Hill Civic Association
August 26, 2023
Annual Meeting
Via Zoom**

[about 40 Zoomers at the highest point]

The meeting was called to order by President Mal O'Connor at 10:05 a.m.
Officers present were Mal O'Connor, VP Bill Conlin, Secretary Maureen Koehl.
Absent: Treasurer Bill Anastasiades

Minutes: The June 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

Nominating Committee Report: Kathy Conlin and Peter Brash presented the following slate:

President – Mal O'Connor;

Vice President – Bill Conlin

Secretary – Maureen Koehl

Treasurer- Steve Shalnaitis

Board of Trustee Members – Dan Tanona, Leah Puzzo, Peter Brash and Maureen Morse [new].

The committee's report was accepted by unanimous vote.

Mal gave a heartfelt thank you to retiring members Bill Anastasiades and Mike Counihan for their years of service to the GHCA.

Membership Report: Mal reported that Scott Graf, who is leaving as chairman, has completed a transfer of the GHCA membership records to QuickBooks which should make tracking and record keeping much easier. We will also be shifting to an electronic version of the newsletter with hard copies available to those who do not have computer access.

Carolyn Craig will continue her visitation of new residents with assistant Ann Manion. Carolyn said that new GHCA new member information booklets may be needed. Mal suggested that he, Steve S. and Carolyn meet to discuss membership questions.

Treasurer's Report: The budget is healthy thanks to an increase in membership. A reserve is being built. **The 2023 budget was approved unanimously at the June meeting.**

Lawyer search: Bill A. and Mal have found a lawyer who can advise the board on an as needed basis.

Community Liaison Update: Dan Tanona explained the **Lateral Shore Access Bill** passed this year after years of a hard fight. History - before 1982 the shoreline public access [SPA] was not defined. In 1982 the SPA line was defined as no public access above the mean high tide line [the rack line] as determined every 19.6 years. Public access activists began to "test the waters," according to Dan, several years ago and a Charlestown resident was arrested for disobeying this line to gather seaweed, fish or walk above the current rack line. Local state representatives proposed a SPA bill defining clearly the high tide mark that would allow for public access. The bill that was passed defines the SPA as ten feet landward of the daily rack line and this area may be used for seaweed gathering, fishing, swimming and sunbathing. Dan assumes protests from shoreline landowners will be forthcoming.

Social Committee: Mary Ann Emanuel thanked the committee for a wonderful season of fun events. There were nine scheduled events. She and the committee are open for suggestions for next year so send them on. Mal thanked her for a stellar job of organizing and increasing publicity to get the crowds out!

Logowear: Mal said that some of the orders from *4 Imprint Clothing* will be in next week, some by Labor Day and more in September. He thanked Dave Chellgren for coordinating the project. Some changes in companies may be in the offing.

Committee Updates: The **Recreation** area is being well-used. Proposed spending adjustments are outlined in the budget.

The **GH Yacht and Tennis:** The Tennis Committee paid 50% of taxes on the recreation area lot this year, and the Association paid the other 50% of the taxes. Tennis membership has been increasing with the addition of pickle ball and new residents.

The possibility of continuing pickle ball lessons was mentioned by Bill Conlin and was declared a good idea. The present number of kayak storage spaces seems to be sufficient for next year.

Beach: Not much change in sand and rocks ratio! Maybe a little more sand recently to allow for low tide access!

Vision 2030: AJ Emanuel presented an update on this ongoing project. The three teams heading this project are:

Beach & Pond: Dan Tanona [pdtanona@verizon.net]; members – AJ Emanuel, Don Geissler, Craig Leroy, Maureen Morse

Health & Safety: Tony Flynn [mranthonyflyn@gmail.com]; members – Maggie Manion, Chip Reilly, Bob Tardiff

Recreation: Maria DiMauro [mariakldimauro@gmail.com]; members – Peter Brash, Bill Conlin, Kathy Conlin, Kathleen Price

The committees are to report by Summer 2024 defining their scope, low-cost ideas and long-term recommendations.

The Vision 2030 Timeline is still to be determined re: long term and higher cost ideas. In 2024 a fund-raising team will be established. This group will generate resources for future projects with costs over and above the budget. Suggestions always wanted. Direct to Mal.

Dawn McCabe expressed her thanks for the impromptu Christmas caroling last December. “It was a great success!” she said.

Mal reminded all to come to the Annual End of Season Picnic and Cornhole Tournament at 3 PM this afternoon.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Koehl, Secretary