

Baycliff Civic League
Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2020

Opening

Anne Wright called the regular meeting of the Baycliff Civic League to order at 7:01 p.m. via a web based Zoom video conference

Previous Meeting Minutes – The previous month’s minutes were approved at the recent board meeting

Treasurer’s report/Dues –

Operating Checking Account balance \$24,482.75

Money Market account balance \$40,605.48

222 (80%) neighbors have paid dues this year, so far

\$2,155 received from ad sales for this year’s directory

Corporate sponsorships are doing ok at a little over \$1k each year and family sponsors are over \$2k this year

We are spending a lot more on repairs and improvements (i.e. the gate and sprinkler)

Committee Reports

- Boat Ramp – This new committee has been stood up due to the influx of traffic this summer, likely due to COVID, led by Mike Perry with Steve Zahn helping. The increased usage has resulted in an increase in trash left behind and causing additional wear and tear on the bulkhead. Patrons are motoring too fast in and out of the channel, which is causing rapid shore erosion. Some of the additional users are believed to be non-residents.
 - Posts and chains have been damaged for several years so the committee recently installed a more robust gate.
 - Dave Johnston suggested making provisions for Dominion to have access to this area. Anne will reach out to Dominion to see what needs to be done. Gary Brown suggested a chain with a lock be used to help allow easement to the space.
 - Lesley Baker commented on the overflowing trashcan at the boat ramp. The trashcan has been removed because trash disposal was excessive this year (much higher use of boat ramp) with no one to regularly empty the can. Folks should bag their own trash and take it home after boating.
 - The sign by the ramp will probably come down and be replaced with a no trespassing sign so that law enforcement can be called. Not sure if it will go on the existing posts or be put on the gate. TBD by the boat and landscape committees
 - Bulkhead – Mike Perry has received two bids for necessary repairs and recommends the Civic League move forward with a vote for engineering funding for the surveying and permitting process to enable repairs to begin. Mike will present costs by the next meeting. Mike believes the permit will cost approximately \$4.5k. The permit takes several months to obtain but it is good for several years. Currently estimating \$70-75k for the bulkhead repairs
- Landscaping- (Pam & Leslie) Spoke to Gray today about the fall clean-up & plantings and he will do the autumn planting on 27 OCT with pansies and snap dragons. When pulling up

begonias, he will put down some mulch and preen to make it look pretty and spiffy at a cost of \$150. He suggested we should wait to do clean-up of tree debris once the storms have passed with no particular date. The coleus are a beautiful red at the entrance. The committee will inspect the trees on the property to see if it is worth doing some tree work and then mulch the debris to save on the cost of disposal.

- Lesley called the City and told them they have two branches hanging within 15 feet of the road and sidewalk. The one that is hanging by the boat ramp will probably fall off this winter. Could be a safety issue.
 - Christine had a call from Agronomic Lawn Management for slit seeding next week. Will be free because we paid ahead last year in order to save 5%. Will scalp the grass on the next mowing.
 - Pam said they are going to plant some daffodils around the center tree from Costco and then let them die back naturally. She would also like to add some more each year and put some by the boat ramp so that the area doesn't look dull after Christmas
- Fall Festival (Mike Coughlin & Anne Wright) - Planning a "Drive Thru" Chili Cook-off, Trunk or Treat and house decorating contest and brainstorming some ideas to continue the festival without compromising health. New this year, the map will also show those homes that are competing in the Halloween decorating contest. Asking people to register for the decorating contest so we know where to put it in the map. Candy should be wrapped and homemade treats need to be wrapped, hand washing, all those good things. League will supply bowls and spoons to each house that agrees to do chili.
 - Baycliff Bugle (John Hogan)- the new editor search continues as we begin to discuss plans on how to continue as John Hogan retires after many years of excellent service. Christine has volunteered to do the November issue and Pat Genzler volunteered to take the lead but questioned the value given all the other outlets for information. The Bugle has been a nice way to get community information but the ad revenue is also a nice thing to have. Currently 155 people subscribed to the hard copy. Renovation of the boat ramp dredging project was successful largely because of the Bugle. Sending out a mailing separate from the Bugle for the boat ramp information is an option. Consensus was to keep the Bugle because it generates a little over \$2k per year in profit
 - Santa Visit (Sheri Lohman) Brainstorming ideas stage due to the pandemic but have found a Santa that sings and is very jolly for a nominal fee. Planning to have goodie bags with rain deer food and a treat or two and may bring the cupcake truck again. Confirming with Alanton about their Santa breakfast to pick a day so there is no conflict, but it will be a Saturday around 11 AM.
 - Luminaries – will be December 19, per Jenny Huelsberg
 - Holiday Decorations – Ginzlers and Westendorfs have headed it up in the past few years with help from the Bakers, Foxes and others shortly after Thanksgiving. We also have a few new electrical outlets this year to help make it better. Pat and Eileen Genzler volunteered to take the lead on it this year. The date and time will be posted in the Bugle and on Facebook
 - Resident Directory & Ad Sales: (Jane Woodward) We currently do not have an ads sales chair. Meghan Fifer did a great job but is unable to continue. We should contact loyal advertisers that have been with us for decades.

- Budget – we will develop and review the budget proposal for next year at the October executive board meeting, include it in the November Bugle and vote on it at the November 17 meeting

Old Business

- Taxes (Steve Zahn) Steve was not able to join us tonight to provide an update on Baycliff submitting federal and state taxes.

New Business

- No wake restrictions in Mill Dam Creek applies to all vessels, including Personal Water Craft (PWC; aka “jet skis”)
- Please share with your neighbors that speeding in Baycliff results in a minimum \$250 fine with a mandatory court appearance. In addition, the top sign at Baycliff and Baypoint replaced the yield sign decades ago but continues to be disregarded by some.

The next Civic League meeting will be Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM in the Alanton Elementary School Library or via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Minutes submitted by John Mark, recording secretary