

**LONG BEACH CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes for October 8, 2022**

**BOARD ATTENDEES:** Richard Wilder, Torben Huge-Jensen, Cathy Collins, Patti Oehmke, Jolene Lauria, Georgia Riedel, and Steve Perlik.

**CALL TO ORDER** 10:00am

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Georgia Riedel requested attendees identify themselves when speaking.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for September (attached to these minutes) were distributed to attendees and Cathy Collins, Treasurer, explained every itemized transaction (disbursements and deposits). Cathy explained that we will not have any more charges for parking lot security this year and there will be no more charges for porta-potties. Vote approved and accepted the financial statements.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH REPORT/SECURITY UPDATE**

Jean Bozman spoke as Debbie Berens, our safety representative was not in attendance; future bi-monthly meetings with the County may be suspended, as all of the communication is now on social media.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Road Paving Update**

Patti Oehmke reported that she, Richard Wilder and Steve Perlik met with the Engineer, Jay Hopson. His initial budget analysis shows that there would be an estimated need for 2,000 tons of asphalt for our private roads. Installed asphalt runs over \$100/ton and current pricing would produce a total cost of \$250K-\$300+K if we paved all of the roads. The plan is to spread the work over 5 years, starting with the roads in the most need first. Jay will be walking the roads noting the areas in need of repair (potholes/cracks) with paint and photographs. The repairs may be done in the next month or so, Asphalt Plants close during the winter months so actual paving will not happen until the spring because hot-mix asphalt (HMA) is sensitive to weather and temperature. Pothole repairs will use a material called foam asphalt which is a sturdy cold-mix asphalt (CMA). Jay used this product with great success at one of his projects, the St. Mary's County airport and reported that it is stronger than regular CMA and does not need to be dug up and replaced when paving is done as it may be paved over. Discussions about stormwater management in relation to roadwork included talk about the problem on Long Beach Road where storm water collects at the lowest point in the community (Long Beach Dr. & Cedar Rd). Steve explained to Jay that he and Jeff Greene had obtained a permit for an outlet pipe in the beach entrance (between 6530 & 6534 Long Beach Rd) similar to the one further South (between 6562 & 6566 Long Beach Rd) and the project was put on hold because

the homeowners objected to the plan and wanted more engineering to solve the problem. Jay plans to assess what changes would be necessary in the slope of the paving on Long Beach Road to direct the stormwater to a specific location that would provide outflow to the Bay. This will involve the Maryland Department of Environment and Army Corps of Engineers. Jolene expressed interest in attending any meetings with Jay that address this particular SWM issue. Steve Perlik stated that he feels stormwater should be given priority over paving because the cleaning the SWM sediment trap at the end of Cedar Rd. costs approx. \$1,800 each cleaning. Patti explained that Jay was just starting and that his contract was for the Roadwork Master Plan which specifies the slope for stormwater runoff for each street and that the stormwater problem on Long Beach Rd would entail additional engineering and that the contract with Jay does not focus on this one issue. When the Roadwork Master Plan is complete, Jay will present it at a community meeting so property owners can ask questions and get answers. Jay will meet with SWM board members when he works on those issues but this may be an additional scope of work.

- **Outstanding Road Fees**

The September deadline for collection of Road fees has passed and the board has started the process of pursuing collection of road fees. The legal process for collecting these fees may end up with the debtors receiving a court summons. The process involves sending a reminder invoice, followed by certified mail notifying the recipient if payment is not received it will become a legal matter for the courts and finally a summons delivered by the sheriff's office to appear in court.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **New Directions Theater Update**

Torben Huge Jensen reported that he, Demetriss Atchison and Richard Wilder met with the New Directions Theater Group (ND) to discuss the new rate increases. ND told them that the rental rate for the County's community theatre is \$2K/nite so they feel our community center is a super-good deal. They love our venue for their performances and appreciate all of the upgrades and remodeling that has been completed over the past couple of years. One of their board members is a resident of the community and they will be able to rent at resident's rate of \$75.

- **Off-shore Revetment Update**

Gary Clarke provided an update: Karen with Calvert County has worked on this for the past 4 years, now they are saying there is a conflict where they need approval from the wetlands. She has put this out for bid 3 or 4 times. The wetlands will disappear if something is not done soon. Project has been put off due to bureaucracy and has been effected by budget restraints and inflation.

- **LBCA Election**

Patti Oehmke said the Request for Nominations has been sent to all via Constant Contact (CC). We have not received any nominations as of this date. The deadline for submissions is 10/15/22. Ballots will only be sent to members. The deadlines to submit votes/ballots is 11/04/22. Election results will be announced at the Annual LBCA Annual Meeting on 11/12/22.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Jolene Lauria would like to organize a community swap at the community center or big beach. She also wants to pull together an arts/crafters event.
- Calvert County is hosting a hazardous waste disposal today at Appeal Landfill until 2pm. Paper shredding event in December at Appeal landfill.
- Chris Riollano started a discussion about speeding on Overlook Drive and issues with delivery trucks and school buses speeding. She wanted to know if the board needed to get involved if residents made a request to the County to change the speed limit to 15mph; the County deals with the residents, not the board. Richard Wilder recommended she contact Ralph Hutchins, Dept of public works. Georgia Riedel suggested that Chris call the school, and delivery companies to report their drivers are speeding.
- Scott Emerson asked if anyone has brought up the Vacation Rental Home (AirBnB/VRBO) issue. He sees it as a problem as it changes the original spirit of the community. He feels the atmosphere of the neighborhood has been impacted by vacationing guests who are loud, leave trash on the beaches and park an excess number of cars in our streets. Richard Wilder stated that LBCA has notified homeowners that they are financially and legally responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests.
- Action item: Richard Wilder will ask Larry Lamson to determine what are our options with AirBnB/VRBO properties.

ADJOURN 11am– Next Meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 which is the LBCA Annual Meeting