

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
September 14, 2017**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Penn, Mike Wurst, Gene Gross, Steve Vanderbosch, Brooke George, Jerry Lichtenberg, Paul Barnes, Ray Sullivan, Dave Miles (Absent: Amy Donovan, Lindsay Abruzzo)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: John Johnson, Linda Johnson, Nick Kyriacou, Terry Meisner, Kevin Green, Paulette Schwallenberg, Thomas Schwallenberg, Robert Morse, Emily Morse, Kevin Holmboe, Lori Nichols-Hogbin, Willie Basil, Sandra Anderson, Jane Ruemke, Teresa Sutherland, John O'Neill, Blanche O'Neill, Jen Holt, Chris Moore, Jeri Singleton, Penny Romar, William Asbury, Megan Anderson, Robin Clark, Pat Daly, M. Lapointe, Marc Morlock, Linda Elkington, Christian Elkington, Jack McPartland, Michael Waters, Phil Jones, Paul Willey, Bucky Hayes, Jane Waters, Rob Upfield, Susan Peters, Helene Raven, Vijay Ramraj, Noel Gasparin, Marilyn Carpenter

Mike Penn called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Quorum present.

MINUTES: Paulette Schwallenberg moved to approve the May and July 2017 General Meeting minutes. Kevin Holmboe seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Gross presented the current Treasurer's Report. Through July 30, we currently have \$552,457.13 in the Operating Account; \$184,476.38 in the Special Tax Account; for a total of \$736,933.51. Gene Gross reported that the Budget Committee met and prepared a preliminary FY2019 budget. Gene talked about some upcoming projects, to include the Sunset boat ramp, sandspit rip rap, and beach erosion. The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, at 7 pm at Key School Science & Library Center, room 101. Gene Gross took questions from the floor. Helen Raven asked how much Special Tax money was spent at the pool this year. Gene answered that Special Tax money was spent on lawn maintenance outside the pool and on renovation of the pool bathrooms. Special Tax money is only used for the structure at the pool.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike Penn reported on the Community Center Survey. The survey results were very close; almost a 50/50 split. Mike felt that there wasn't enough support for the proposed Community Center plan to move forward. Since a new Board will be in place in 2018, the fair thing to do is to wait until 2018 before discussing the proposed Community Center further.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Kevin Green reported on the proposed rain garden on Harbor Drive near the pool. The proposed project will start at the community center and continue along Harbor Drive to the existing rain garden at the corner of Harbor Drive and Phipps Lane. The rain garden will include step pools. The rain garden is 100% County funded through the County

Watershed Protection Program. HSIA is responsible for maintaining the rain garden. Kevin took questions from the floor. **Steve Vanderbosch moved to ratify the rain garden on Harbor Drive approved by the HSIA Board. John O'Neill seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch reported on the new flagpole at the sandspit, dedicated to Bill Shuman, former HSIA President. Donna Shuman and the Shuman family were in attendance at the dedication. The marina gate malfunctioned and Steve is looking into getting it fixed. There are five vacant slips. New residents are getting slips as soon as they're placed on the Slip Wait List. There has been a little bit of vandalism at the rock jetty. The Marina Committee is working on hurricane and tropical storm readiness. Piers & Harbor fees will remain unchanged for 2018. The Commercial loan will soon be paid down to about \$100,000.

POOL: Brooke George reported that the pool closed on Labor Day. It was a good pool season.

BEACH: Marilyn Carpenter reported that the new walkway is being installed. The project is currently on hold while we investigate the wood being used. There may be some modifications to the contract. An arborist came to look at our trees. Some trees are dying. Noel Gasparin will look at the trees. The large pavilion roof needs replacing. The small pavilion posts need to be repainted.

CRABFEAST: The Hillsmere Crab Feast will be on Saturday, September 30, 2-5 pm at the beach. The price is \$35 for adults and \$20 for youth and non-crab eaters.

ATTORNEY GENERAL COMPLAINT: Steve Vanderbosch reported that HSIA received a letter from the Maryland Attorney General Consumer Protection Division regarding a complaint made by Hillsmere resident Nick Kyriacou. Nick alleged that the Board is not providing adequate notice of meetings regarding the possible community center to the community residents. Nick also alleged that the Board is secretly discussing and voting on community center issues via email. Both accusations are untrue. Steve Vanderbosch has drafted a response to the Maryland Attorney General's office in regards to the Nick Kyriacou complaint. Nick Kyriacou was recognized by Mike Penn and spoke of his complaint. Nick said his complaint was more a perception that the Board was being secretive and meetings were closed.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Schwallenberg mentioned that the motion made at the March General meeting that was tabled should be revisited. **Theresa Sutherland moved to grant the request to withdraw the tabled motion from the March General meeting. The motion read as follows:**

Mike Wurst moved that HSIA shall:

- 1. Refrain from any further funding of the Community Clubhouse project until a thorough survey of the community is completed.**
- 2. Conduct a thorough, unbiased, neighborhood-wide survey of best-use of all infrastructure and open space resources owned by the Hillsmere Estate Special Community Benefit District. The survey shall use the 2005 Hillsmere Shores**

Community Survey as a template, updated with additions for exploration of the community clubhouse topic.

3. Convene a survey committee to design and coordinate the execution of the neighborhood-wide survey that targets an 80% response rate. The survey committee shall include representation from all areas of Hillsmere, including the area of proposed community clubhouse, and its membership shall be distinct from the current clubhouse committee membership.

Marc Morlock seconded the motion to withdraw. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Motion withdrawn.

NEW BUSINESS: Steve Vanderbosch mentioned that a child riding a bicycle was hit by a car on Hillsmere Drive near Sunset Drive. HSIA has asked for traffic studies in the past. Pat Daly, County Council attendee, will check on this. John O'Neill recommended the Board sponsor a bike safety class.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator