

**HSIA GENERAL MEETING
THE KEY SCHOOL
September 12, 2019**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Waters, Steve Vanderbosch, Gene Gross, Phil Jones, Claire Corcoran, (Absent: Dave Miles, Mike Wurst, Marilyn Carpenter, Ray Sullivan, Brian Gallagher, Robin Clark Eilenberg)

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Jean Somers

GUESTS: Louise Bower, Jonathan Doherty, Sandra Anderson, Jeri Singleton, Paulette Schwallenberg, Thomas Schwallenberg

Mike Waters called the continuation of the July General meeting and the September General meeting to order at 7:05 pm. No quorum present.

MINUTES:

1. **Steve Vanderbosch moved to approve the May 2019 General Meeting minutes. Tom Schwallenberg seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**
2. **Steve Vanderbosch moved to approve the July General Meeting minutes. Tom Schwallenberg seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Gene Gross reported that we have \$622,651.38 in the Operating Account, \$379,906.46 in the Special Tax Fund, for a total of \$1,002,557.84 as of July 31, 2019. At the request of the Board, Gene Gross had a conversation with BB&T to put some money in a money market to earn interest. Gene Gross presented a draft proposed Special Tax budget to be presented at the September Board meeting. Gene went over details of the proposed budget to include major projects (Sunset ramp, possible pool resurfacing, shoreline maintenance, community house renovations). The General Fund will be discussed at the next Budget meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE: Jean Somers reported that the Pig Roast is Saturday, 4 pm to dark. We are looking for volunteers. The yard sale is Saturday, September 21, 8 am to noon (raindate is September 28), Halloween Parade is Sunday, October 27, 1 pm, Oyster roast is Saturday, November 9, 12:30 pm, Meet the Candidate Night is Thursday, October 10, 7 pm, October Board meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, October 24, 7 pm. Jean Somers mentioned fliers sent to homes from “Next Door”. The flier from Next Door is being sent to Hillsmere residents, using neighbor’s names, as though sent from your neighbor. Claire knows the owner of Next Door and will reach out to him.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch reported on the Sunset boat ramp reconstruction. Deadline for bids is September 23 and bids will be awarded on September 26. The Sunset boat ramp will be closed and boats will have to leave the docks while work is happening. All else is well.

SEUCRITY: Claire Corcoran said there is a push to make sure people are not using our facilities unless they’re residents. We increased Mac’s hours for Friday/Saturday/Sunday and asked him to be a little more aggressive for proof of residency. When people google Annapolis area beaches, Hillsmere comes up. It’s referred to as the nicest “park” in the area. Claire put a paragraph on review that Hillsmere is a private beach and Claire will repost the review in the spring. Mac is shifting to patrolling the neighborhood. Mac will no longer follow school buses. Not too many break-ins lately.

BEACH: Jeri Singleton reported on the September 7 Beach Committee meeting. The Conowingo dam is opening again, so debris will most likely show up on our beach. Trees will be removed at the end of September. Struggling with bids on concrete steps and railings. Have an estimate to repair the hole.

The climber has been installed. Assessing osprey nest on top of BGE post. BGE has an osprey watch program where BGE will put in a platform for osprey nest. We are on the schedule for the end of January. Sandy Anderson is working on a shack for the security guard. Our 5-year plan is online. Looking to put a 25' flagpole at the beach to be dedicated to Hillsmere veterans. The sea nettle net was not dropped because of the lack of sea nettles this year.

HOUSE: Tom Schwallenberg reported that he gave Dave Miles structural info for preliminary drawings for renovations to the community house. Tom will get estimates for both plans to include enclosing the carport and to not enclose the carport.

DUMPSTER DAYS: Sandy Anderson reported that the County was very helpful during Dumpster Days and County workers went out of their way to lend assistance.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Waters recognized John Doherty who lives on the corner of Hillsmere Drive near Duvall Lane. John spoke about a situation at his address where the County cut back his plantings, and the plantings are effectively ruined. John is wondering if HSIA asked for the trimming to be done. Mike Waters mentioned that he had spoken to the County Traffic Engineer about the inside of that corner and about trimming the trees in the island. Mike apologized if any conversation with the Traffic Engineer instigated the trimming.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike Waters reported on the following:

1. Thank you to Jean Somers for organizing our HSIA events with Key School
2. Trees coming down – Red Maple at the beach; 2 Silver Maples at the community business center park (surrounding the pool); Silver Maple at the community house
3. The County is purchasing the remainder of Quiet Waters Farm for expansion of Quiet Waters Park. Closing is in the Fall. Hillsmere would like a pedestrian walkway into the Park.
4. Our dog waste station disposal is contracted with Sabrina Penn, starting in October.
5. Our rain garden contracts are expanding for some waterfront areas.
6. Grass seed is going down at the pool area and community park.
7. The County stopped managing the deer population. If a petition is signed by 100 people, the County might consider a controlled hunt.
8. There is an increase of homes in Hillsmere being turned into boarding houses and Airbnb's. The Board is trying to protect our neighborhood as a single-family community. The Board authorized the President to spend up to \$10K with our lawyer David Plott. David recommended a change to our covenants. Restrictions to be worked out. We are on a path to litigating some houses with too many cars, etc. Considering if taking action now will eliminate the need to change the covenants. Perhaps we ask for public relations help to state how our community is changing. How do we approach this? Discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Somers
Administrator