**CTPA Annual Meeting January 31, 2022**

**7:00pm via Zoom**

**Minutes**

**Laura called meeting to order.**

**Roll Call CTPA Board Members**

* Laura McBride, President-present
* Robert Rosa, Vice President-present
* James Merillat, Treasurer-present
* Kathy Lynch, Secretary-present
* Jason Hesbach-present
* Jeff Labush-absent
* Virginia Pulverenti-present

**Treasurer’s Report** – **Jim Merillat – see separate attachment**

Kathy motioned to accept the report. Laura seconded. All approved**.**

**Hospitality – Kathy Rosa**

Would love to have more members join committee. Currently Kathy knits a potholder and Cindy purchases a picture frame for the new neighbors welcome gift. Kathy knits baby booties for new baby, and a card is given for bereavement.

Kathy welcomed new neighbors present on the call and also said that she relies on neighbors to share information so that they know about the life events.

* **Welcome New Neighbors:**
* **Parkview Ave. Caroline Novack & Sarah Mulholland** introduced themselves
* **Parkview Ave. Scott & Jennifer Stemmermann** introduced themselves
* **Bimbler Blvd. Tim & Jenn Husar** introduced themselves
* **Lakeview Ave. Raymond Micallef & Chelsea Beisswanger** introduced themselves
* **Lakeview Ave. Alix Buresi & Todd Baldwin introduced themselves**
* **Bimbler Blvd. Jeremy & Karen Skillings**
* **Bimbler Blvd. Gina Vodola**
* **Parkview Ave. Priscilla & Chris**
* **New Babies**
  + **Belmont - Ruggerio Family**
  + **Lincoln Drive – Baby Griffin, Young Family**

**Review of CTPA Annual Events & Committees – Laura McBride reported**

The only way we’re going to get more things done is if we get more people involved. Please let Kathy know if you can volunteer for any of our neighborhood events and or committees.

Kathy placed email in chat window: lynchr@juno.com

* Neighborhood Yard Sale was back this year in May (11 participants 2021)
* Spring Cleanup
* Fall Block Party – Best Attended ever -97 adults & 40 kids
* Thanksgiving Food Drive for Ocean Township – Thanks to all who generously donated
* Operation Sleigh bells FCS – Adopted 3 families Collected $1650.00
* Menorah & Christmas Tree Lighting & Caroling

**Committee Reports –**

* **Fundraising 2022** – Chair Christine Hommel not on call. Laura reported. Super Bowl pool in process. $15. Ticket and $5/ticket donation to CTPA. Last year’s proceeds were used for advocating state, county, officials regarding development at the Circle. Also used for expenses related to tree replacement and landscaping. Jim said the money goes toward the neighborhood. We advocated a few years ago for the building at 1001 Wickapecko to not be an Adult Medical Daycare. Laura said CTPA uses the funds wisely to make the neighborhood more beautiful and protected.
* **Historical Committee** – Chair: Virginia Pulverenti reported. Work on this project has been on hold this year as the focus has been on dealing with the Circle development and traffic issues. The project is to complete a booklet about history of the neighborhood. 2023 will be 100th year as a community (later noted that this is an error: 2025 is the 100th anniversary of the neighborhood; 2023 is the 70th Anniversary of Colonial Terrace Protective Association). The booklet contains information about how the neighborhood came to be; architecture, the century homes, and how neighborhood was built and planned, how/why CTPA came into being. Virginia believes there are 8 homes that have reached century status as of this year and they would qualify for a Centennial Marker. People can contact the Historical Museum if interested. Virginia will send an email with contact information to the eight homes.
* **Beautification Committee** – Chair: Linda Lutz reported

Lamp Posts – Project underway – We will be following up with JCPL & Township to replace Lamp Posts

Neighborhood Library Book Share Box –Town has approved and then COVID happened. Now can start looking into design and cost estimate

Parks

We’re looking into adding wild flowers & benches at the Triangle Park

(2) Cherry Trees at berm that died were replaced by residents with the township doing the planting. Two additional spots for cherry trees were available and two trees were also purchased by residents. We will be assessing the need for additional evergreen trees at the berm park and rain garden. Look for further information soon. We did keep a list of all those who had expressed an interest in a tree when we were replacing the cherry trees.

Neighborhood sign hit by the car. Need to replace

Any ideas are welcome. And need more people to get involved, especially gardeners.

**The CTPA Website – Jim Merillat. Website is a simple format using weebly. We need someone willing to take this on. Jim can help instruct interested person.**

**Block Captains & Neighborhood Communication – Kathy Lynch reported:**

We have 135 homes in Colonial Terrace. The neighborhood has been partitioned into 10 sections/blocks and there is a Block Captain for each section who delivers our newsletters and flyers. We have a wonderful, dedicated team of Block Captains and I would like to extend a big thank you to all of them for all of their efforts and willingness to help out no matter the weather. Our Block Captains keep our Hospitality Committee informed of important neighborhood transitions, namely births/deaths and new neighbors as it pertains to their block assignment.

If anyone would be willing to be a substitute to deliver to a route when the Block Captain can’t, please let me know. It’s a great way to get involved for little time and it would be a big help.

Just a reminder too, that the police count on us to be their eyes and ears around the neighborhood. We all know our neighbors and our neighbors’ cars. If something does not seem right please call the police to report it. And please remember to lock your doors and lock your car doors

And, if you can, you can email me as I am the one who maintains the email list and I can send out a neighborhood alert or notice to let everyone know. We also use the email system to send out reminders of events or meetings or share important information. If you are not on our list you might want to consider being added to the list. Just let me know. My email is on the Winter newsletter you received and in the chat.

**Neighborhood Concerns – Laura reported:**

* Neptune Planning Board meeting on Jan 26 memorialized approval of Circle Development (Former Coca Cola Plant)
  + Our advocacy has the attention of local, county and state officials
  + We plan to keep the pressure on, especially as it relates to anticipated traffic in the Terrace
* Please cleanup after your dogs,
  + we asked the town to add trash & recycling receptacles at triangle park and we plan to move the trash can at the berm for better visibility
* Colonial Terrace Traffic Concerns & Enterprise Rental Car Parking Violations- Bob Rosa reported.
  + Traffic Committee: Traffic throughout the Terrace is increasing, cut through for Asbury Park and parts of Ocean. With the development proposed at the old Coca-Cola bottling plant site in Neptune we were able to put pressure on our local officials.
* Last spring distributed a traffic questionnaire and received 55 responses. With question, Do you authorize CTPA to discuss concerns with the Town?” All 55 respondents said “yes”.
* Committee members are: Joe Zarro, Brian Mullins, Charlie Brown, Jemal Beale, Jason Hesbach, Jeff Labush, and Bob Rosa. Committee met and came up with aggressive recommendations. The feedback from others was that it was too aggressive. Bimbler intersects Asbury Ave. which is a county road. The Circle with Route 35 is the jurisdiction of the state. Laura, Bob, Joe and Jemal met with Dave Brown, town manager; Chief of Police; and town engineer. Instructed committee in the state manual for the Department of Transportation and discussed what can and can’t happen with the Circle approved.
* Letter published in the Coaster in November 2021. This caused officials to pay attention to us. Last Wednesday, January 26, the mayor organized a meeting with the town manager, town traffic engineer and county traffic engineers.
* Meeting went quite well. We will see traffic counters and solar powered speed signs in the neighborhood and we are hoping for legal crosswalks from Wickapecko to Lincoln to access the park; from Bimbler across Wickapecko; Bimbler at Hillcrest; and across Lakeview at Colonial. Crosswalks don’t need State approval, just need town’s approval. Could see them in place before summer.
* Enterprise Car Rental: 2 hour parking on Bingham. Observed 17 cars parked there this morning. Per Ron Kirk, Director for Community Development for the Town, the CEO of Enterprise will receive summonses. The Association has a voice and the town is listening to us.
* Of note, Bob shared that in Tinton Falls a traffic light was placed at Sycamore and Hance and it took 17 years for the county to approve it.
* Traffic Committee recommends Bimbler Blvd be made one way west-bound. Power lines have been pulled down on Bimbler from large trucks. A resident was assaulted when directing traffic around his home. Drivers are trying to avoid traffic light. We intend to keep the pressure on the officials.
* If new residents would like a copy of the traffic questionnaire we can get one to you.
* Laura thanked Bob and noted that results happen when neighbors stand up for the issues.

**Deal Lake Watershed Alliance DLWA Update**

DLWA was formed to help Deal Lake Commission advocate for change. It is a nonprofit organization and it advocates for the interests of the community.

Deal Lake is the largest coastal watershed in the State. They have had meetings with Tom Arnone and engineers with plans to modify the retention basin at Seaview Square Mall. The lake is 2/3 filled with sediment. Plans for 2023 are to dredge the lake. DLWA will keep the pressure on the officials.

Another emphasis of DLWA is promoting green infrastructure. Need to continue to cleanup at the park/rain garden at Wickapecko and Lincoln

Sylvia Sylvia was able to get two benches from Asbury Park for the Rain Garden. Looking to tweak the rain garden. Would like to add swing set, but need to speak with the Town about this.

Rain Garden Park - Spring Maintenance scheduled for March 26 & 27

Volunteers especially Gardeners Needed.

Personal Kayaks & Canoes can be stored on the boat rack provided owners register their boats by contacting Laura.

**CTPA Board Election Results – (See letter at end from Dennis Galvin, Chair of Nominating Committee)**

Charlie Brown reported because Dennis Galvin, Chair, was unavailable and thanked fellow committee members Jeananne McFadden, and Bob Lynch

Current officers ran unopposed.

For the Trustee position Charlie thanked all those who volunteered to run. Elected to this position were Jason Hesbach, Virginia Pulverenti, Jeff Labush, Jerry Spanarkel, and Kyle Young.

21 ballots were received and all in good standing.

Laura will reach out to Jeremy Skillings to encourage his involvement.

**Laura opened floor to residents for comments and/or questions:**

Kyle Young thanked everyone for voting for him and said it’s an honor and he looks forward to serving**.**

No other comments.

Laura McBride motioned to adjourn the meeting and James Merillat seconded.

Unanimous agreement and meeting adjourned at 8:14pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lynch

Secretary

January 31, 2022

Colonial Terrace Protective Association

Laura McBride, President

Kathy Lynch, Secretary

Election Results

The following votes were cast:

The candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasure, and Secretary were all re-elected.

The votes show the following Trustees were elected:

Jason Hesbach

Jeff Labush

Virginia Pulverenti

Jerry Spanarkel

Kyle Young

A total of 15 paper ballots were received and another 6 ballots via email. It is my understanding all of the ballots received were from households in good standing.

Very Truly Yours

Dennis Galvin, Jeananne McFadden, Robert Lynch, Charlie Brown

Nominating Committee