**CTPA Annual Meeting**

**January 25, 2023**

**7:00pm via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Roll Call CTPA Board Members:**

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

**Treasurer’s Report** – (James Merillat is unable to attend tonight) Bob Rosa to report

Report is delayed due to James’ busy schedule with his shows. Information will be sent out in 7-10 days. James has said we are in good shape financially.

**Current Events:**

**600 Lakeview House Fire on January 15**

Our thoughts are with our friends Melissa,Tarik and their four children. We will continue collecting gift cards until February 5th. Donations can be dropped in the CTPA Mailbox on James Merillat’s front porch at 401 Belmont Avenue. They have successfully relocated to a beautiful, furnished home.

**Colonial Terrace Neighborhood Sign Update**

The car accident last January destroyed the sign. We hired the same company that made the original sign. He was under contract with us and given a deposit. We had conversations with the owner and now have difficulty reaching him. Virginia Pulverenti contacted Monmouth County Consumer Affairs and they will assist us. We paid with our VISA card and have submitted a dispute. We heard today that they activated a claim. Laura and Bob had a meeting with Ocean Town Manager, Dave Brown, today and told him about the situation. He said he will see what they can do to help us. If we do get our money back we will need to find another sign business to help us so the sign may look a little different.

**Superbowl Pool**

Our 2023 Super Bowl pool is underway.  Kathy sent out an email with forms attached today.  Forms are posted on our Facebook page and website This is our big fundraising effort, with proceeds going to beautification efforts.

Deadline is February 12th at noon to Jim at 401 Belmont.

25 boxes have been sold.

**Review of CTPA 2022 events**

* Fall Block Party – 91 adults and 30 kids attended
* Christmas Tree & Menorah Lighting
  + Damage to our sign & electrical outlets made this year challenging. The light strands for the tree got zapped by electrical problems related to damage from the accident. Electrician has repaired and there are new lights.
  + We are looking for professional help to decorate our ever-growing Christmas Tree
  + Bob Rosa researched a company, but it was rather pricey. Does anyone know of a company we could call?
  + Thank you to Dudley Warner for repairing the Menorah
* Operation Sleighbells – We provided 3 families every gift they asked for!
* Thank you to Jim & Andre for sponsoring another great Christmas Sing-along Party

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Detective Zach Rhein called into the meeting representing Detective Barnick who is our new crime prevention officer.  He reviewed neighborhood safety protocols:

* Remove all key fobs from vehicles, running vehicles or those in unlocked garage. Burglar will break into garage to steal vehicle.
* Keep vehicles locked. There are people that cut through the neighborhood and check for unlocked cars
* Do not keep spare key in vehicle.
* Keep residence locked at all times. People will check the front door and grab the keys that we keep near the door
* At night check that doors are locked
* Utilize alarms
* Security cameras do help
* Keep residence well lit. Helps neighbors and officers to see your property better. And helps emergency personnel who respond.
* Don’t approach suspicious people and vehicles
* Keep entryways lit
* Keep shrubs no more than 2 feet tall and tree branches no lower than 6 feet.
* Recommend security cameras. They deter crime and the recording helps the police
* Ring camera-some people only set the motion detector when someone is at the front door and only record for 10-12 seconds. Be aware of this and Detective suggests changing the setting to increase the scope and time of recording.
* The police love to be part of these meetings. This is the only neighborhood that does this.
* Ask a trusted neighbor to check your house while you are away and to check for mail and packages.
* Ocean Township police offer house checks for those residents away for one week or longer. Checks are done on a weekly basis. You can request this from the dispatcher.
* Please call the police if you feel they are needed in a timely manner. If you see someone suspicious note their description, license plate and report to police. Do NOT approach them. Call 911 if a crime is in process like an assault or robbery. There are specifically trained dispatchers to help people through an emergency
* Call Police number (732-531-1800) for non emergencies like you get up in the morning and realize your car was burglarized during the night. The officer will come and take a report and begin the investigation.
* Scams - be wary of calls and emails pretending to be law enforcement, family member, or bank and wanting personal or bank information or if they are looking for Google gift cards. This is not true and real police would not ask for this. Any questions call the police.

Laura thanked Detective Rhein for his time and for the information.

**Committee Reports**

**Hospitality – Kathy Rosa to report for Cindy Reich, Chair**

Kathy explained that to welcome new neighbors Kathy crochets a pot holder and they have a picture frame along with a card with a note of welcome that they bring to the new neighbors.

For the new babies she makes a pair of baby booties with a pink or blue ribbon and for sympathy they bring over a sympathy card and flowers and for those who have served as Board members, gift cards for family.

* **Welcome New Neighbors:** 
  + 108 Parkview Denise & Family
  + 213 Parkview Eileen Boyd
  + 107 Lincoln Drive John Aronis
  + 310 Belmont Adam and Shannon Guziejewski
  + 309 Lincoln Scott and Paola Hobbs and Darien
  + Jen and Tim Husar have moved in. Will be bringing them a welcome gift
* **Welcome New Babies:**
  + Belmont - Vignola Family
  + Belmont – Atamian Family
* **We mourned the loss of:**
  + John Devone Parkview
  + Sammy Boyd, Parkview
  + Greta Befarah, Lakeview
  + Nancy Martin, Belmont, Served on the CTPA Board for many years

Traffic Committee – Bob Rosa to report

* Traffic Study promised by township

Bob and Laura met today with Greg Blash, Township Engineer, and Dave Brown, Town Manager. Bob said the engineer quoted the county that they were “blown away” by the amount of traffic in the neighborhood. They never thought that would be the case.

In February the county and town engineers and Asbury Park will meet to discuss traffic control options. Bob is confident that we have the Town’s full support and they are determined that the increase in traffic will not impact Colonial Terrace.

Crosswalk across Lincoln at Wickapecko to the Rain Garden Park is in the works and has been approved by the Town Council and will happen in the spring.

They were unaware of the requests for cross walks for Bimbler and Wickapecko. This will be reviewed.

A traffic bump similar to the ones on 3rd Ave and 4th Ave in Asbury Park will be installed on Bimbler in late May.

Bob and Laura both said the Town/County are listening to us and taking us seriously.

* Circle Development Project

This is an open question; town will monitor so traffic leaving the property/the businesses will not affect our streets. Not much they can do until the property is operational.

Brian Mullins asked if they commented on the center turn lane proposed for Asbury Ave. Bob said not mentioned, but they are determined that they do not want traffic to increase in Colonial Terrace and they will protect us. They are not concerned about any hardship on Asbury Park. They are listening to us.

Lynn asked about the house going up on Overbrook lot. Laura said they presented plans for the tree removal and the Town gave permission to clear the lot. Mike and Stef’s home borders the lot/new home to be built. Mike stated the lot is 50’ by 100’ Laura said “we feel for you Mike and Stef”

Stef: Remarked there is lots of foot traffic now on Belmont and thinks it will increase because there is no sidewalk on Asbury Ave.or if there is one it is not clear. Laura said we should advocate for sidewalks on Asbury Ave.

Bimbler sidewalks are needed

Laura asked Bob to add that to the email to Dave Brown that is being prepared**.**

**Beautification – Linda Lutz to report**

* Lamp Post Inventory Spreadsheet has been prepared for JCP&L – Repairs and replacements needed
* 17/39 lampposts are in poor shape. She is in contact with JCP&L. We want the broken ones fixed and at the best we’d like them all to match.
* She has prepared a list and will send it in. Does anyone know of dark spots that needs lighting? She needs the street and # of the house near it. Can email Kathy that info.
* Brian Mullins-Allenhurst got new lampposts. County asked will the town pay for it and the town paid the difference.
* Linda talked to the person at the Town and they said they won’t replace anything that is not broken.
* The post near Brian’s house, if they replace it he wants it to be a down light as it shines into their bedroom window.
* Memorial Benches & Trees – We are thinking of adding trees at the berm & benches at the Triangle Park. We will put out more information this summer for anyone interested in sponsoring a tree or bench.

**Neighborhood Library Book Share Box** **– Update**

To be placed at Triangle Park. It has been built by Kyle. About to be painted by Meredith and her daughters. Kyle will install in the spring.

**Book Club – Jen Stemmermann to report**

First meeting held in early January. 24 people attended. Next meeting is February 26th and will split into two groups to meet in two different homes. In warmer weather will meet in park, beach, or backyards all together.

Laura said “Thank you. I have heard great things about this!”

**Historical – Virginia Pulverenti to report**

* This year celebrates the 70th Anniversary of the CTPA
* Colonial Terrace Historical Booklet draft is prepared; design & printing comes next

The booklet is to educate everyone about the neighborhood history. The neighborhood is over 100 years old. The draft is to be fine tuned. Want it ready for the Block Party.

* CENTENNIAL Placard available  <https://tohmforms.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_52.html>

Plaque is available from the Ocean Township Historical Society, There is an application and they will discuss with you to confirm the age of the home. In 2025 another group of homes will be 100.

Celebrate 70th Anniversary with an extra special Block Party. Laura asked for ideas . Sylvia suggested a time capsule. Bury it to be opened in 25-50 years. They did this in Asbury Park. Maybe we’d like to do this? Write a note, pictures, our booklet in a metal box. Jeananne said this a great idea and maybe we could include a picture of every house as it exists today.

**Deal Lake Watershed Alliance DLWA Update – Laura McBride to report**

DLWA is a nonprofit started in 2018 as people were concerned about the infilling of Deal Lake. In 2001 the lake was dredged and it has filled in and is worse. Laura received a video from Mike Hommel who lives on Lincoln on the lake. Lake was 4 feet deep 5 years ago. Now the rowboat borrowed from Laura could not get back to her. It is stuck in the muck/mud.

Laura is happy to hear we’ve been heard and there is a dredging project that will start after Veteran’s Day this year after the golf course closes

* Lakeside Park on Wickapecko Drive – Phase II design underway
* Spring Cleanup & Brush removal TBD - Volunteers Needed
* Kayaks & Canoes need to be removed temporarily from boat rack at some point please contact Laura (732) 859-8803 if you have a boat there.

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**Neighborhood Matters:**

* **Enterprise Rental Car** – **Bob Rosa to report**

**Parking on our streets** is a Violation of their Site Plan Approval

Report Violations to - Michael Mulcahy, Ocean Twp. Zoning Officer 732-531-5000.

He is in charge of the situation and tickets have been issued to violators.

* + If you want to report a violation to Mr. Mulchahy, please document violations with the Date, Time, and Photos.  Please provide Your Name & Address as well as a contact number, and make sure to copy Kathy Lynch on any correspondence.
* **2024 CTPA Elections for new board members –** The nomination process will begin in the Fall.

Do you know anyone who would be good on the Board? Would you like to be on the Board?

* **Website Manager Needed –** Students are welcome to apply!

**Questions**

* Jeannanne asked what is happening to 1001 Wickapecko? Bob Rosa said there was an article in The Coaster that said it’s use is linked to OT Recreation and to the golf course. Plans are for an indoor golf instruction and simulator. Bob said he will ask Dave Brown. Brian Mullins said he heard they are looking for a restaurateur.
* **Block Captains & Neighborhood Watch – Kathy Lynch to report**
* **Irene Maran**, 300 Lincoln- Section 1: 300 block of Lincoln
* **Jeff Labush**,   305 Lincoln- Section 2: 400,500,600 of Lakeview and Lincoln and 300 of Parkview
* **Virginia Pulverenti**, 210 Lakeview-Section 3: 200 and 300 of Lakeview
* **Linda Dobracki**, 212 Lincoln-Section 4:  200 of Lincoln
* **Ginger Malone**, 206 Parkview-Section 5:  200 of Parkview
* **Molly and Jerry Spanarkel**, 413 Parkview-Section 6:  400 of Parkview and Belmont
* **Mike Castellana**, 317 Belmont-Section 7: 300 of Belmont
* **Cindy Garber**, 213 Belmont-Section 8: 200 of Belmont
* **Karen and Jeremy Skillings**, 109 Bimbler-Section 9: all of Bimbler and 1 Park Place
* **Kathy Rosa**, 1 Lincoln-Section 10: 100, 200 of Lincoln and 100 of Parkview and 2.Park Place

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. Their names, address and routes are listed on the agenda and above for your reference. We have a wonderful, dedicated team of Block Captains and Kathy extended a big thank you to all of them for all of their efforts and willingness to help out no matter the weather and a thank you to Jason and Gabe who have helped as substitutes.

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. A resident can always pass that information onto the Block Captains and they can let the Board know so they can be recognized.

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

Kathy maintains the email list. We use the email system to send out reminders of events or meetings or share important information or neighborhood alerts. If you are not on our list you might want to consider being added to the list. To be added to list email Kathy. Address on newsletter ([lynchr@juno.com](mailto:lynchr@juno.com))

**Geese**

Mike Cioffi said “the geese are back”. Laura said that the DLC with the USDA Geese Patrol will be doing egg addling. This area did not get treated last year. State gets paid by the town to do this. If they notice a nest they will give you a form to fill out giving them permission to come on your property to addle the eggs. Sylvia has noticed a large number of geese near Triangle Park. Brian, on Bimbler, gets contacted each year. He will speak with her and see if he can share her contact info. Mike said since there are less geese he has seen more birds like the Great Blue Heron and the Bafflehead ducks.

**DLC Grant**

Laura said the DLC (Deal Lake Commission) received a $870,000. grant to address the detention basins in Seaview Square Mall. The stream that flows through there brings sediment and debris from the parking lots to our section of the lake. So combining dredging with improved detention basins should help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lynch, Secretary