

CTPA Neighborhood Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00pm at West Park Recreation Center

In attendance: see attached list

Laura called meeting to order, welcomed everyone. Asked that everyone please sign in.

Laura introduced the CTPA Board of Trustees starting with herself as President, Charlie Cressy, Vice President (not present), Jim Merillat, Treasurer, and Kathy Lynch, secretary; our trustees, Mike Castellana, Jeff Labush (not present) and Linda Lutz. And our advisors, Nancy Martin (not present), Dennis Galvin, Joan Feinberg(not present).

Laura stated that this is the first neighborhood wide meeting held in the past 15 years. Something we used to do every January. In an attempt to Reinstate our annual tradition, she thought this meeting would be helpful because we are holding elections in January 2018. The meeting will give us the opportunity to talk about past as well as ongoing projects, give residents an opportunity to raise concerns, sign up new members and volunteers and prepare for our elections every two years.

Introduced Jim Merillat who gave the treasurer's report.

CTPA – Treasurer Report – Post 2017 Block Party

Checking Balance: \$821.17

Dues (through BP) 510.00

BP Admissions 1,035.00

Raffle 185.00

Other (donation) 80.00

Current Balance: \$2,631.17

Outstanding Expenses (estimated) (\$500.00)

Estimated Balance \$2,131.17

CTPA 2017 Membership Drive (through Block Party) 34 Members (45 Total 2016; 30 2016 YTD)

Laura continued to discuss that our organized activism has resulted in many beneficial outcomes to Colonial Terrace like:

The closure of the part of Belmont Avenue that exited onto the Asbury Park circle.

A protective berm that now helps to block out the traffic and noise from the circle.

Bimble Blvd., despite the current speeding issues, was made more narrow at both ends and Left Turns are limited during rush hours.

The dredging of our lake in 2001

Most recently Traffic Trailers on Bimble

The prevention of a commercial business at 1001 Wickapecko Drive.

The township is responsive to us.

Laura then said we will be having elections in January and we will be sticking with the guidelines set forth in the bylaws. She introduced Dennis Galvin who is chair of the Nominations Committee.

There are 5 trustee positions and the board positions up for election. We are looking for additional time and talent to be on the board. Dennis mentioned that the Board has been responsible in the past for planning Casino Night, dinners in Asbury and that we protect each other. Mayors listen to us.

Dennis said that in mid-November he will be seeking nominations with the forms returned in December and then there is a period of seeking additional nominations and after that, in January there will be an election with ballots.

He asked everyone to consider volunteering their time.

Deal Lake

There is a Deal Lake Commission meeting tomorrow, October 12, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Interlaken Town Hall, 100 Grassmere. Laura plans to attend and she invites others to join her.

Laura reported that she and Don Brockel, head of the DLC, met with the mayor recently with 3 concerns:

1. The mayor knows a retention pond is needed at Pet Smart area.
2. Placing storm sceptors would capture storm run-off; need to be cleaned regularly.
3. Invasive plants in the lake due to over-fertilization of the golf course. Also applies to us too. Homeowners should not fertilize when rain is anticipated. Car wash is more eco-friendly.

Laura is establishing a Deal Lake Committee. One of their tasks is to disseminate information. Christine Hommel brought copies of information from Jeff Hunt and Jeff shared his complete notebook with Kathy.

Laura emphasized need for collaborative effort with the DLC.

Ginger wondered if the golf course is interested in being helpful and would they help fundraise? Laura thought they might as town now owns the property and a beautiful lake would benefit them.

Irene said the golf course is using lake water to water the course. She stated she can no longer use her paddleboat anymore.

Laura stated we need to research the how and whys of the adjusting of the lake level.

Laura is confident we can influence meetings by going to the DLC.

Marty (301 Lincoln) stated that there are pipes in the stream which used to be 20 foot wide and now is 4 foot wide. Red silt when it rains. Has tried to address this ever since Seaview went up.

Storm sceptors cost \$30,000 each and one is recommended behind Matt Clark's house.

We need to be knowledgeable so we can put political pressure to get things done.

DLC encompasses 5 towns, Ocean is in charge since we have the largest lakefront. Laura said Don Brockel is very happy for us to get involved.

There is a runoff pipe between Sylvia and Nanci Lewis' home.

We need to be a watchdog. The town does pay attention.

Committees

Laura mentioned that there are sign-ups for committee at the table.

Block Captains job is to deliver flyers and to let the board know about neighbors with life events like births, deaths, new neighbors.

Carl asked about the Beautification Committee Work Party weekend coming up on Oct. 28-29 from 9:00am-1:00pm.

Laura said we will be removing vines and dead plants and that new plantings are also planned. Someone recommended sea grass, which is planned.

Laura reported that the Sewerage Authority is putting in an electrical conduit so there can be lights on the sign and on a tree. Clarification needed as it was questioned if it was JCP&L's electrical panel, but it is the Sewerage Authority's panel for electricity for the pumping station.

Dennis suggested starting at the council level and work for funding as the DLC does not have a lot of money.

Carl said people were asking him if the clean-up party was working in a place we have no right to be. Laura clarified that the mayor is aware of our plans and Don Brockel is also aware of our plans to cut down the trees growing up from under the Wickapecko Bridge. Contrary to what was stated on the flyer we will not be using chain saws. Dennis said when we participate in Clean Sweep we are cleaning in areas near, but not in The Terrace.

Sylvia volunteered that the NJ reps are up for election and she can invite them to her home so we can ask them what they will do to help us with the Deal Lake issue. Colonial Terrace is a voting block; the assembly election has been won by 100 votes in Ocean Twp.

Dick Cole-Hatchard thanked Laura for all she does!

Thank you from Laura to Mike and Jim for handling the website and Facebook accounts.

Meeting adjourned 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Lynch
Secretary