

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**401 Lake Drive**  
**December 5, 2023**  
**Final**

**Board Members Present:** Tony Spakauskas, Mike Snapp, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, Ginny Rice (by phone), and Allen Fine

**Board Members Not Present:** Susan Rork and John Latham

**Staff Present:** Rhea Webster – Association Manager

**Property Owners and Guests Present:** None present.

**Call to Order:** Tony Spakauskas, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All meetings of the DPPOA are recorded, and Robert's Rules of Order govern the proceedings.

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** Mike Snapp made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 7, 2023, meeting, distributed previously via email. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The minutes were approved as written.

**President's Remarks:** No report

**Office Update:** Rhea Webster reported the following:

- Newsletters were mailed and emailed November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Additional insurance – more information is needed with regard to liability insurance.
- The required annual report to the Maryland Department of the Environment, about the condition of the marine plantings at the community beach was mailed on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Photos were included.
- The generator continues to need additional work, and a new “charger” for the inside switching unit is on order. There will be no charge until the unit is working, and we will not be charged for any parts that were not necessary.
- The porta potty will be removed from the community beach as there has been little to no activity beyond a quick visit to view the restoration.

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**Committee Reports and Roundtable:**

**Operational/Roads Committee:**

Rhea reported the following:

- This year's paving cost was split between Special Tax District Funds (\$180,000), State Highway User Revenue (\$30,000), and Covenants funds (\$37,557). The request for funding from County-held STD funds was approved the day after the request was submitted.
- The pole that came down during beach restoration was replaced by SMECO November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The STD funds, allocated for beach restoration, were received on November 21<sup>st</sup>, just one week after the request was submitted (\$55,000).
- John Wood (J. Calvin Wood) placed three additional, larger rocks on the River View Causeway in an effort to keep people from parking along the road (blocking traffic).
- The zero-turn mower was picked up last week for yearly maintenance by Smith's Repair service.
- Karl Bowen submitted a proposal for a three-to-five-year cut-back of the rights of way. This is done periodically to remove the larger overhanging branches and street level vegetation that is too large for our equipment. This expense can be split between various line items in the budget. After discussion, the following motion was made:

**Motion:** Bonnie Blades made a motion to accept the cut-back proposal submitted by Karl Bowen in the amount of \$28,000. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statements were distributed. Jack Andre, DPPOA Treasurer, stated that all accounts are within the expected range. County-held STD funds, shown on the Balance Sheet, have been reduced to reflect the funds received for this year's paving and beach restoration.

**Environmental Committee:** Ginny Rice stated that the Ivy League will be meeting again in January, most likely on a lot on Cove Drive. She will send Rhea information that can be sent to the community.

**Safety Committee:** No report

**Welcome Committee:** Rhea stated that three buckets have been distributed in the past month.

**Planning Committee: Beach Erosion:** The following was noted:

- Heavier-gauge steel posts may be needed to keep the goose-exclusion fence upright. The current posts will be monitored through the winter in order to determine if a change is necessary.
- A top rail planned for the posts may not be needed and can be removed if already installed.

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**Unfinished Business:**

**Reserve Study:** After discussion, it was decided that items to be excluded, as listed on the worksheet, will be struck from the study. Various components of the heating and air system listed in the study will be combined and some estimated prices for other items reduced. The draft study will then be marked up and submitted to Miller Dodson.

**New Business: Security Camera at community beach**

- The security (trail) cameras at the community beach have been in place for at least ten years, and it is time to consider newer technology.
- Allen Fine has experience in this area and will investigate options.
- ADT can also be contacted, but they are primarily involved with alarm systems.

**Public Comment:** None offered.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m. [since changed to January 2, 2024]. The next meeting of the General Membership is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Drum Point Club. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:25.