

**Drum Point Property Owners' Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Drum Point Club  
June 25, 2024  
Final**

**Board Members present:** Tony Spakauskas, Mike Snapp, Jack Andre, Bonnie Blades, Asha Andreas, and Ginny Rice

**Board Members not present:** Susan Rork, Allen Fine, and John Latham

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

Tony Spakauskas, President of the Board of Directors for the Drum Point Property Owners' Association (DPPOA), called the meeting to order at 7: p.m. With 37 memberships in good standing represented, a quorum was present, and business could be conducted (13 in person, 24 absentee ballots).

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2024, meeting, distributed at the door and posted to the Association website. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**President's Remarks:** Tony Spakauskas, President of the Board, commented as follows:

- The beach restoration and installation of the jetty was completed during the fiscal year just ended, and sand is accruing and holding as hoped. Large boulders had to be placed at the community beach in order to block access to the actual beach area (vehicles, including golf carts will undermine the sand).
- Drum Point Day is Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Volunteers can sign up on the sign-up sheet or by contacting Rhea Webster at the Association office.
- With summer upon us and kids out of school, it is all the more important to maintain safe speeds and be watchful of pedestrians.
  - The issue of speed bumps/humps can and will be discussed with the Calvert County Department of Public Works (the County Board of Commissioners established a resolution stating that the DPW will work with communities to determine the feasibility of installing traffic calming-devices such as speed bumps/humps, however, there are restrictions with regard to distance from stop signs and intersections as well as the line of sight on a given street etc.).
- It is important to clean up after one's dog during walks, both on the streets and on the beach.
- For anyone wishing to walk along the beach, please remember that the area below the "mean-high water" line is open to all as it is owned by the State of Maryland, however, the area above this line is considered the private property of the homeowner. The mean-high water line can loosely be defined as the compact-wet sand, closest to the water.

### **Committee Reports**

**Operational/Roads Committee:** Rhea reported as follows:

**Drainage and Storm Water Management:** Several small projects to address storm water management were concluded during the past year, and a number of additional areas will be addressed in the coming fiscal year.

**Paving 2024:** This year's paving work will take place on streets off of Barreda Boulevard and other areas (Walsh Lane, a small section of Laurel Way, Cardinal Drive and Tern Court). The Request for Proposals will be mailed to various paving contractors and published in the local newspaper. The pre-bid meeting will take place on July 16<sup>th</sup> with the bid opening scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Finance Committee:** The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were distributed at the door. Jack Andre, Treasurer for the Association, stated that all expense item categories are within the expected range for the current fiscal year as reflected in the Profit and Loss statement (distributed at the door). He also noted the following:

- Routine expense line items are within budget, with the exception, as usual, of money spent on capital improvement projects for paving work.
- The work done at the community beach came in under budget.
- The Finance Committee developed the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The full budget was posted to the website a number of weeks ago and made available in the DPPOA office.

Time was allowed for the review of the primary budget major line items, distributed at the door and published in the summer newsletter.

After review of the primary budget, the following motion was made:

**Motion:** A motion was made to approve the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously: 37 in favor 0 against (13 in person – 24 by absentee ballot).

**Safety Committee:** No report

**Environmental Committee:** Bonnie Blades reported the following:

- This year's inspection of the areas of Phragmites infestation that have been treated over the past several years has been completed.
- We were able to skip last year's treatment, as the Phragmites growth was significantly reduced thanks to prior years' treatment.
- Two areas are in need this year (Lake Terrace and the community beach), and photos of the plants will be sent to Mark Smith, who has done the work in the past and Wally Bowls who also treats invasive plant species. Photos of the plant will be posted on the website if this has not already been done.

**Welcoming Committee:** Bonnie Blades reminded all of the Drum Point Facebook page (Drum Point Neighborhood, Lusby Maryland), created by Ginny Rice.

**Planning Committee:** Mike Snapp presented a slideshow of the community beach and commented about the following:

- The boulders placed to block access were placed close enough to the water on the lakeside to discourage anyone from driving onto the beach.
- The cement wall, put in place to disguise the porta-potty, was removed and the area cleaned of debris. The porta-potty is now to the left of the driveway.
- The fence was placed as part of the permitting requirements in order to protect the beach grasses from geese. The grasses will be monitored for five years.
- Two new cameras have been installed in order to monitor the beach and identify anyone who may wish to vandalize the area.

**Unfinished Business:** None scheduled.

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**New Business: Presentation of FY 2025 DPPOA Budget** – See above

**Public Comment:**

- The community Facebook page can and will publish meeting dates. There was some question as to what area is included in “Drum Point” for purposes of the DPPOA FB page. Drum Point proper includes more than the DPPOA area.
- Property owners who do not maintain their yards can be reported to the Calvert County Zoning Enforcement office. This can be effective if the department issues a warning, but these cases are sometimes simply dismissed by the judge. One house in particular is in the process of being rehabilitated, and the trustee has been contacted by the office. The trustee was asked to trim the grass. It should be noted that the County ordinance regarding the overgrowth of grass is 12” maximum.
- Golf carts are prohibited by Calvert County. If a cart is street legal, it must be licensed, insured, and driven by a licensed driver. Those present were advised that the Sheriff’s office should be contacted when golf carts are seen, in particular when children, obviously unlicensed, are in control of the cart.
- The flies on the beaches in this area are a part of life in southern Maryland, and no efforts are made to reduce the population.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:50. The next meeting of the membership will be scheduled for September 2024 (date to be determined).