

Middlesex Beach Association Committee Reports

July 2020

Beach Patrol, Mark McCulloh, Committee Chairman

- Covid update. All guards have been tested and received results, there are no additional positives. N Indian and Indian were contacted, informed and given our communication flyer. Justin put together a spreadsheet of the hours affected by covid, I forwarded that to Steve. Protocols on the beach are in place.
- Activity on the beach is high vs last year. Crowds built into the 4th and continue to be pretty solid. We have had stronger surf than we did last year. Waves almost every day vs the lake/ pond we had last summer. That has resulted in 14 pulls to date, vs 3 last summer!! We had a particularly large swell last week, (not typical this time of year), and the crew performed well. Another note, the bottoms have returned up and down the beach this year (no replenishing) which has given us a more swimmer friendly beach, less shore pounding!
- Justin promoted Erin Haden to Lieutenant a couple of weeks ago (no monetary change). She is very deserving of this and very capable. Erin was "guard of the year" last year and received the Ben Carson scholarship that only two guards in the country receive. I am, particularly, happy about this as I have been focused on leadership on the beach. We have a captain and, previously three LTs, guarding two sets of beaches which can lead to "gaps" in scheduling. Erin's promotion addresses this issue. I have some other ideas for next year, but we can talk about that at summer end.
- The Polaris currently has only three guards approved to drive it. When one of the approved drivers was out it was clear that we need more guards approved to drive. I have requested two names to be added to the approved list.
- Stands. There have been some thoughts around pulling the stands AND turning them on their sides, to keep beach visitors off of them. I have run that by the crew and the push back is around the weight of the stands making it hard to manipulate. Also, the guards are worried about the signs. The stands are breaking when that happens (some did last year I believe). Lastly, when the beach visitors want to play on them, after hours, they just stand them up and do so!
- Junior guards, Colin wanted to keep this program on hold with the recent spike in Covid. I think that is the prudent call.
- All things considered, things seem to be running smoothly. What has really distinguished our patrol, vs rest of the beaches, this summer, are a couple of things. Relative to our size we have a ton of experience. Justin, Colin and Rick have all been guarding for decades! Holden, not that long but a ton of experience. Between their experience, and my long-term relationships on the beach we have a very strong perspective. Our new guards, largely, emanate from our Junior Guard program which greatly reduces the chance of making a "bad" hire given we know the individuals, quite well. Lastly, I think the fact that we have some older guards, (that have families of their own), and the younger guards that are living at home with their folks... it put us in a good position to weather the storm of Covid vs the other patrols based on the fact that we don't have all of our people in bars and living together as a group.

Beautification Committee Report, Tris Kruger, Chairman

Marty Shecter and I obtained five Nellie Stevens Holly Trees from Lowes. One has been planted on Beach Plum; the others on Rt 1 between Bayberry and Short. Peggy and Chuck Taylor; Nancy Glasgow; Alex and Jeff Sella and I cleared the bricks on the beach walkways of sand. The Nor'easter that later came through undid all this work. The shrubbery in front of the median signs of MBA has been or is in the process of being trimmed. This will make the signage more visible. Community Patrol staff is doing a great job at watering the plantings. Thanks to Dave and Mimi Greer and Alex Sella. Dave Wiecking repaired the pump on the watering machine. I

have been made aware of some dead plantings which need to be replaced; but otherwise I believe the community looks great.

Building Committee Report, Jeff Sella, Chairman

The following is an update of all Large Projects occurring in the Community

- 29 Addy – Inspected – Need to approve the return of their deposit less the \$200 for violations.
- 17 Bridge – Need to approve the refund of their deposit
- 18 Dune Road – Need to approve the refund of their deposit
- 1 Dune – New Construction
- 19 Short – repair & extend deck
- 11 Bayberry – New construction-All Questions answered and permit approved. Not yet complete and will shut down for summer
- 20 Short – Interior work – being suspended for the summer

Small Permits:

- 21 Addy – Closet repair
- 4 Bayberry – Tree removal

Commercial Committee Report, Marty Shecter, Chairman

- 1) The Produce stand is operating effectively. Workers and patrons wearing masks.
- 2) New sign at Bennett realty conforms to covenants. It is an attractive addition to the community.
- 3) Dryden Beach Plum building project has ceased until after Labor Day 2020.

Community Facilities Report, Alex Sella Chairman

Ongoing Project Update

- Dune Crossing Railing Repairs
 - Completed
- Gate Codes
 - Lock repairs were completed on Kent Ave. and Route 1.
- Landscaping Contract
 - Maintenance ongoing per schedule.
- Route 1 Pond
 - Phase 3 in progress.
- Bayberry Enclosure Fence (North Side)
 - Was approved by the board in the June meeting.
 - Fence Panels were not in stock during the first week of July, pending a restock to the store.
 - 4x4 post were out of stock the first week of July, pending a restock to the store.
 - Weeds and poison ivy/oak sprayed for work to be performed safely. Pending material availability due to lumber mills being closed.
- Gravel for Pine Road – Utility Company Damage
 - Completed
- Small Maintenance Project June/July 2020 Completed
 - Repaired the damage to the community walkways caused by members taking shovels to them.
 - Clean and touched up all the dune walkways for the 4th of July.
 - Completed the rope to protect our dunes where people were crossing from the North and South.
 - Replaced the springs on the Route 1 gates for Bayberry and Errett.
 - Repaired and replaced the locks on the gates along route 1.

- Replaced the reflecting road posts on Bridge that were run over and no longer attached to the ground.
- Moved the no trespassing sign further east and removed the Welcome sign that Nancy had indicated was causing confusion.
- Added sand to the base of the dune walkways.
- Replaced the locks on Kent Avenue.

Future Projects

- Route 1 State Lighting Project – DelDOT Project
 - Priority list for RRFB was provided per list developed at the November Board Meeting.
 - No new update currently.
- Route 1 Gateway Signs – DelDOT Project
 - Deferred to 2021 fiscal year – no work planned for this year.
 - Permit to be submitted in the fall.
- Guard House Ceiling and Bathroom – Ongoing due to previous leaks in the roof
 - Drywall replacement in bathroom and ceiling to be completed in the fall.
- New Dune Fencing - Budgeted
 - New row of dune fencing to start in the fall between existing rows this fall and winter.

Budgeted Project Status

- Items not budgeted must be presented for review by the committee and recommendations made to the Board by the committee
- Additional Mobi Mats rejected for this year in the December 2019 Board Meeting
- Additional section of Mobi Mat was installed as approved in the December 2019 Board Meeting
- 5700 – Payroll
 - 1,250 hours - Ongoing
- 5701 – General Materials
 - Dune Fencing – Fall/Winter Projects
 - Dune Crossing Railings - Completed
 - Maintenance Repairs – Ongoing as required by committee
- 5702 – Spring/Storm Clean-up
 - 1 Clean-up – Completed Clark Tree Spring Clean-up
 - Used for removing falling tree on community property on Bayberry
- 5703 – Drainage
 - Ditch Cleaning – Ongoing
- 5704 – Walkway Maintenance
 - Walkway Clay – Completed
 - Walkway Equipment – Ongoing as required by committee
- 5706 – Beautification
 - Trees purchased by Tris and planted
- 5708 – Vehicle Maintenance
 - Gas & Maintenance – Ongoing – will likely end over budget due to the increased use by Beach Patrol daily
 - Will need to examine buying another vehicle due to the excess use this year
 - Will need to examine additional funding for expedited repairs due to the vehicle being used more. Additional issues include the Polaris being driven in 4-wheel drive on pavement. This has been brought up to all the authorized operators, but the vehicle is continuously found parked in 4-wheel drive which will need the power train needed to be rebuilt again.
- 5709 – Guard House Operations

- Ongoing, remaining work to be completed in the fall to repair the water damage caused by the leaking roof
- 5711 – Traffic Control Signage
 - Signs – COVID signs purchased under code & traffic post replacements ordered to replace damaged ones by Verizon
- 5712 – Landscaping Maintenance Contact
 - Contract is ongoing
- 5713 – Landscaping Irrigation
 - 125 hours - Summer Watering – Ongoing as required by Beautification Committee

Proposed Authorized Polaris Drivers

- Additional names in white need to be approved by the board
 - Confirmation of names on the insurance company with additional costs
- Use of the Polaris also needs to be discussed
 - The vehicle was purchased primarily for the use of Facilities
 - Currently the Board has approved its use by the Beach Patrol
 - Priority needs to be assigned by the Board
 - Marty has requested to use the vehicle for his maintenance of the dog waste station
 - Priority needs to be assigned by the board
 - Facilities has ongoing project that require its use
 - Watering of flowers
 - Maintenance items
 - I have had to use my personal vehicle for facilities work due the Polaris being parked on the beach all day with the beach patrol.
 - Priority needs to be assigned by the Board
 - With many parties using the vehicle, we need to examine the purchase of a new vehicle
 - Another Polaris ~\$12,000
 - A used Pick-up truck ~\$20,000

Polaris Authorized Drivers		
Alexander	Sella	Facilities
Jeff	Sella	Facilities
Dave	Greer	Facilities/Community Patrol
Gary		Facilities /Community Patrol
Mimi	Greer	Facilities /Community Patrol
Mark	McCulloh	Beach Patrol
Justin	Voorheis	Beach Patrol
Colin		Beach Patrol
Holden		Beach Patrol
Rick		Beach Patrol
Erin		Beach Patrol