



MBA BOARD MEETING
MAY 2, 2015
Minutes

The meeting was convened at 9:00 AM at St. Martha's Church in Bethany Beach.

Board Members present:

Jeff Sella, Ellen Throop, Dave Wiecking, Judy Myers, Natasha Reatig, Steve Larsen, Judy Bennett, Jim Dempsey, Sharon Adams.

Others in attendance:

Ginny Heier (RPM), David Taylor (Beach Committee)

President's Report:

The minutes from the April 18 meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

The Board received an update on the Little Free Library. Space was identified along Beach Plum Road between Addy and Bridge as a tentative location. Other landscaping is planned in this area. It is anticipated that there would be a message board and benches also in this location on the west side of the road.

The Board discussed the policy relating to "service" animals on the beach. It was suggested as policy that owners of service animals should check in at the guard house upon entering the beach, and keep the animal leashed at all times.

The Board also discussed policies relating to "companion" animals. It was suggested that this policy require that owners check in at the guard house upon arrival at the beach, keep the animal leashed, and provide a note from the physician describing the necessity for the companion animal.

These policies were moved and approved by the Board

The Board discussed the upcoming community meeting to follow and the covenants update for the members present at the meeting

Building Committee:

The Board reviewed construction rules and clarified references from "homeowner" to "lot owner" in order to be consistent with MBA covenants. The Board also discussed and approved a motion to clarify that rules relating to the performance of tree work or removal of trees would reference the use of power equipment.

Community Facilities:

Dave reported that culvert pipes are not installed at the proper elevation On Bridge Road and need to be in a successive downhill position for water to drain properly.

Dave suggested the board reconsider the discussion regarding the location of the sign at the entrance to the beach on the south side of Bridge Road at Route 1. After further discussion a motion was made and approved to modify and shorten rather than remove the sign at the entrance to the beach. The Board agreed that this would still allow for improved sightlines to Route 1 and would improve pedestrian safety, and would create space for pedestrians to walk along Bridge Road and access the crosswalk, while still maintaining a sign on the south side of the entrance at Bridge Road.

The Board tabled a discussion relating to any potential rule governing the use of drones on MBA property.

Security Committee:

The Board discussed issues related to unauthorized individuals utilizing MBA beach property. These cases involve people entering MBA property either from the Sea Colony or South Bethany ends of the beach and placing possessions (chairs, towels, bags, etc) on MBA property. In some cases these individuals will enter the water upon observing the security guards conducting beach tag checks. The Board discussed adopting a policy that would allow the security guards to collect and remove unauthorized property that is unattended on the beach and without a beach pass in view. Signs to this effect would be posted at either end of the beach. It was moved and approved by the Board to adopt this policy

The Board also discussed additional steps that could be taken, particularly on holiday weekends and busy periods, to prevent unauthorized access to, and use of, MBA property. The Board approved a proposal to better mark beachside MBA property with the use of rope and additional fencing on busy weekends.

Treasurers report:

Jim indicated there were no updates.

Commercial Committee:

Natasha reported that the old Shore Mart has been renamed the "Middlesex Mart", and the Board discussed the offerings of the new store. She also noted that the Trash Rebate letters for 2014 should be going out later in the month.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM and the Board adjourned to the community meeting.