

# COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING  
September 10, 2011

## *Proposed Minutes*

Having given written notice as to the date, time and place of the annual meeting delivered to association members via United States Postal Service first class mail to the address recorded with the City of Rehoboth Beach, the 2011 annual meeting of the CCEPOA was called to order at 11 a.m. in the pavilion at Grove Park, Rehoboth Beach on Saturday, September 10, 2011 by President Tom Zellers.

**Introduction of Board Members.** Secretary Gary Glass introduced the Board members present: President Tom Zellers, Vice-President Ann Stellmann, Treasurer Charlie Browne, Secretary Gary Glass, Director Barry Brandt and Director Drew Woodall. He also explained that Director Enrique Gomez, who was absent, had been appointed by the Board in August to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Director Steve Simmons.

**Quorum.** President Zellers welcomed all to the meeting and noted there was a quorum with five Board members present. He extended a special thank-you was extended to Steve Simmons for his many years of service to the Board. He also thanked Directors Stellmann and Browne for their hard work organizing the annual meeting and picnic.

Secretary Glass reported there was no correspondence.

**2010 Minutes.** Secretary Glass presented the minutes from the September 11, 2010 annual meeting. Director Woodall moved to approve the minutes. Member Lorraine Zellers seconded, and the members approved the minutes without objection.

## Committee Reports

### A. Finance Committee

1. **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Charlie Browne circulated the financial statements and summarized the balances. He highlighted that the Board approved donations of \$1000 to Main Street for the July 4 fireworks, \$1000 to the Historical Society, and \$200 to the Sea Witch Festival. Member John Ruff moved to accept the report, seconded by member Lorraine Zellers, and the report was accepted without objection.

2. **Dues Report.** Treasurer Browne reported that 312 dues notices were mailed, one for each property owner. Due are owed for each lot. 88 owners had not yet paid their association dues as of the annual meeting.

### B. Properties Committee.

President Tom Zellers presented the following items:

Old Business

1. **Speeding on Hickman Street.** Board members have raised the speeding on Hickman with the police department, who recognize the problem. The Board is discussing with the City the possibility of installing an additional stop sign on Hickman Street, at Laurel, to address the speeding.

2. **Silver Lake.** The City completed installation of stormwater interceptors on Laurel Street and in the Stockley Street park. Gary Glass is the Board's representative on a Silver Lake task force, along with representatives of the SOLA-3, City and DNREC.

#### New Business

1. **Scarborough Avenue street lights.** Following citizen complaints about the darkness on Scarborough Avenue, and a request from the Board, in the fall the City and Delmarva Power will be installing street lights for the first time along the west side of Scarborough.

2. **Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling.** The City has mailed material explaining the new rules concerning yard waste disposal, in addition to recycling and trash. Member John Graham commented that the City's method is very complex, with different collection on different days. Secretary Glass remarked that City officials have said there is significant cost savings in its method of collection, allowing City personnel to handle most of the collection, and avoiding the need for a more expensive outside contract. Member Lorraine Zellers commented that if people have difficulty with the City's large yard waste containers, Lowes and Home Depot sell paper bags that are easy to handle.

3. **Tree planting.** The City will be planting 123 new trees on City property, including 8 new trees in Stockley Park. Member Pat Abelis commented that a pear tree on City property in front of her house needed to be removed and the City should repair damage in the sidewalk. President Zellers undertook to raise this with City officials.

#### C. Recreation Committee

Director Stellman reported that the Board purchased and planted a tree and a plaque in Stockley park, near the swings, in memory of former Board member and longtime resident Andy Allen. She also reported that the next annual meeting will be September 8, 2012.

#### Election of Directors

Director Stellman explained that there are three vacancies on the Board. Request for nominations was mailed to members and no nominations were received. The three Directors have agreed to serve another term as follows: Tom Zellers—3 years; Charlie Browne—3 years; and Barry Brandt-3years.

#### Other Business

1. **Presentation by Nancy Alexander, Rehoboth Beach Historical Society.** Ms. Alexander discussed the work of the Rehoboth Beach Museum, including current exhibits on surf boards and skim boards. She explained that the Museum is raising funds to install an elevator that would allow use of the second floor for exhibit space. She added that the Museum welcomes donations of historical photographs, letters and other materials on the history of Rehoboth Beach. Membership in the Historical Society afford discounted entry to the Museum.

2. **Presentation by Chief Banks, Rehoboth Beach Police Department.** Chief Banks discussed the crime statistics of the City, which are low. 98 different types of crime are tracked by the police department. Robberies and most other crimes were down, but not vehicle thefts. There was an assault and robbery in South Rehoboth by youths, who were apprehended. The police are taking a zero tolerance policy toward gang-related activity, including a few minor fights on the boardwalk and incidents of graffiti. There are 15 full time and 24 seasonal officers on the police force, plus separate staffing of the 911 center for the wider area. Average response time to a call is less than 60 seconds. Member John Graham commented about the need to educate foreign student workers about the rules for operating bicycles. Chief Banks explained that the police department donates recovered bikes to the seasonal workers as a means for transportation, and educates them about the rules at that time. He asked members to spread the word about the requirement for lights on bicycles at night, and generally to improve bicycle safety. Chief Banks introduced Matt King of the 911 center, who discussed the workings of the 911 center. He noted that 911 operators are trained to give CPR instruction over the phone, but he recommended everyone taking a CPR course. 911 operators are trained to obtain the information needed to respond to a call, and if they at times seem insistent or even rude, that is because they are doing their job to get necessary information, often in difficult circumstances.

3. **Neighborhood Watch.** City Commissioner Stan Mills gave a presentation on the Neighborhood Watch program. He urged members to sign up for the e-mail bulletins and notification.

### **Owner's Comments and Questions**

Paul Hawk asked about the yellow boxes that are painted on the street in front of some driveways. President Zellers explained that the City will paint those for anyone upon request. The advantage to the box is that it defines the area where parking is not permitted (except by the resident) and the resident can call the City to have violators towed.

John Kauffman commented about dog walkers who do not pick up their waste. Lesa Wright agreed this is a problem in the neighborhood. President Zellers remarked this is against the law, and the police will issue a ticket if members call to report.

**Adjournment.** Drew Woodall moved, and member John Graham seconded, to adjourn the meeting, which was approved without objection at 12:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Gary A. Glass  
Secretary