



PWEA MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2021

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of the Port Washington Estates Association was held on August 4th, 2021, at 6pm via Zoom Conferencing due to the Coronavirus pandemic and directives to “social distance.”

Attendees included Gavin Pike, Jeff Oring, Angela Ferrante, Meir Gil, Irene Racanelli, & Amelia Amon (reporting).

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 5th, 2021 meeting will be redistributed and approved to be posted on the PWEA website.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeff Oring reported that the PWEA has \$91,903.77 in savings, \$27,908.86 in checking, totaling \$119,812.63. Upcoming expenses include school taxes (~\$6,700 based on last year’s expenses), an outstanding bill from John Popeleski for plumbing repairs, and an upcoming insurance premium (see page 3). We are also still paying for security.

Meir Gil will inquire as to whether we can renew with the current insurer.

Walkway repairs

We have received a quotation from Brandt Marine covering:

- 1: Correctly securing the dinghy dock, which has broken loose and been damaged several times as a result of storms in the past 4 years.
- 2: Stabilizing the walkway to the dock house:
- 3: Extending the Northern bulkhead return by about 15 feet, to replace the concrete blocks that prevent the loss of sand following storms and ultra high tides.

There will be three additional pilings on the dinghy dock, one piling will be re-positioned and hardware installed to allow a bridge to be secured between the two floats.



Two bents (a bent consists of 2 pilings a girder and a cross brace) are needed to stabilize the end of the walkway closest to the dock house.

The total quoted was \$18,500.

Since our walkways supporting structure was last updated some 50 years ago, a third bent was recommended at an additional cost of \$4050.

Gavin explained that the other contractor we approached did not respond or bid for this small marine contracting job.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that, given the difficulty of finding contractors for small jobs, as well as the increasing severity of the weather, we would accept Brandt Marine's proposal, including the additional bent, for a total of \$22,550.

Work will start at the end of this month or early September.

Security cameras and beach furniture

One of our cameras is no longer working and the Ring Camera in the beach house needs to be reconnected to the internet. Gavin has contacted the person that installed a new system at the Manhasset Isle Civic Association (MICA), who has kindly said that he will help us get our cameras working again and install a new Ring camera covering the main entrance gate. PWEA will open an account with Ring, allowing video to be rewound and viewed remotely in need. Meir will be putting in a warranty claim to get a replacement security camera.

There was a unanimous vote for modernizing the camera system.

The board will purchase a wood picnic table to replace a broken one. We will continue with the same style until further exploration of options with a landscape designer.

Board roster and Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Zoom, proposed date to be September 21, 2021. The PWEA board can be 7-9 members. We currently have 7. Gavin and Jeff will run for upcoming terms, but after 14 years as President, Gavin believes that it is time another board member filled that position.

We need to find ways to more evenly divide work and break up responsibilities into smaller bites. We also need younger board members for succession planning. We seek diversity with people from different viewpoints. Meir will not seek another term.



There was a discussion about board meeting attendance and a potential change in the by-laws.

Angela, Gavin, & Jeff will meet at the beach to talk to new candidates on Sat, Aug 14, rain date Aug 15.

We will send out a series of emails to announce the meeting and introduce the slate.

We are looking for recommendations on landscape architects.

Insurance:

Meir has obtained an updated quote for our Director & Operators (D&O) insurance. We are moving management of our D&O insurance coverage From EPIC insurance brokerage to our property insurance broker, Borg & Borg. All of our insurance will then be handled by Borg & Borg. The premium and coverage limits are:

Annual D&O premium is quoted at \$1496. This is based on the current expiring limits: \$3M for D&O, \$1M EPLI, \$1000 deductible for each claim.

Last year our commercial liability insurance premium was \$2750.00, and the flood insurance on the beach house was \$415.08. We are still waiting for a quote for this year's renewal, which falls on 9/1/2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37