



PWEA MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of the Port Washington Estates Association was held on September 9th, 2021, at 6pm via Zoom Conferencing due to the Coronavirus pandemic and directives to “social distance.”

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting were approved to be posted on the PWEA website.

Treasurer’s Report

Jeff Oring reported that the PWEA has \$91,919 in savings, \$21,541 in checking, totaling \$113,460. He will move money from savings to checking for upcoming repairs.

Beach damage from hurricane Ida

Ida hit PWEA on Sept. 1 as a storm of largest known magnitude. Storm water pouring down from local streets eroded a large section of beach sand and underlying fill. We are working on remediation for sand loss. We lost over \$13,500 of beach sand and underlying fill, which is an uninsured loss.

We have asked Bay Aggregates to replace the lost fill with DEC approved hard pack and grade the eroded area and sand ramp. This will cost \$6371.61. To replace the lost beach sand (about 100 cubic yards) will cost an additional \$6500 plus labor. Gavin recommended that we wait until the hurricane season is over.

Bay Aggregates suggested extending the Northern end of the bulkhead bordering the sand ramp with Gambian Cages (galvanized steel cages filled with river rock), which they would bury, to try to prevent further erosion. 14 feet would cost about \$5500. We will ask Bo Brandt of Brandt Marine whether they can extend the return by 14 feet. We await their quote.

The board voted unanimously in favor of waiting until next season to replace top sand.



Meir asked if the town has responsibility for the water coming down the roads? Josh will inquire to someone on the south shore going through something similar. We will address a letter to town about their potential liability. Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte can apply to FEMA for up to \$5M for Nassau County.

Prospective board members

We continue to reach out to prospective board members. After their meeting, Angela reported that all three candidates seemed positive. AJ Reisman has a particular environmental interest. Will he consider joining as environmental committee spearhead? Others will be put on the ballot to be voted on at the AGM. The board discussed how to vote via zoom. Angela will look into the zoom link. She'll create a poll using their names, along with "other." The vote might be instant, but we may need to tally votes and send out results later.

Angela doesn't anticipate fraud, so would prefer immediate results. Can we control more than one vote per household and multiple votes? Irene asked if we could do an in-person meeting, but others objected. As we need to vote for multiple members, Gavin, Jeff, and two new members, Richard suggested we put up a slate.

Richard will stay on the board until they sell their house. AJ will remain in wings to replace him. We discussed whether it is in our by-laws to vote on an alternate? Gavin will stand as president for one year. The voting will only get complex if someone throws their hat in the ring. Angela will get the slate out beforehand.

To close the loop on prospective board members, Angela will send out an email to let them know. Adam Gould (or Chris?) requested a list of what the beach committee does.

Agenda for Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Zoom on September 21, 2021. Gavin will look up the agenda from last year to edit. It will be sent out on mailchimp, along with the financial report. Should we have a nominating committee in the future? We will put out slate for this year with request for any nominations from the floor. We may consider other options for next year?

Angela will reach out to confirm the slate with prospective board members. If other members have suggestions, they should let us know by a certain date. Then we can just vote on the proposed slate.



The board expects more weather events. We'll ask our proposed landscape architect how to slow water coming down Beachway. Would Gambian cages help? The Army Corps only allowed the bulkhead to be brought up to the present height. Is having water come in from both sides typical?

Yes, it was agreed, we can count on it. Where do we divert the water?

Gavin will send around a quote to install a flood-proof electric gate for over \$40k. He does not feel it's worthwhile at this time, as we'd have to replace equipment in every storm.

We'll add looking for a landscape architect to the AGM agenda. Josh will give an update on the playground equipment initiative, but we'll wait until we hire a landscape architect as part of that review.

Meir mentioned a new boat has come into our mooring field. Jeff will look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20