

ROCKY POINT CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 5, 2019

Salute to the Flag/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Officers and Trustees

Present:

- President – Wayne Farley
- Vice President- Jeff Carlson
- Secretary – Debra Hryvniak
- Treasurer – Jennifer Carlson
- Membership Secretary – Kathy Weber
- **Absent, Excused:** Sergeant at Arms – Pam Fregeau, Trustee – Virginia Heslin, Trustee – Steve Keating

On a motion by Gary Pollakusky and seconded by Joe Cognitore and passed by those present, the reading of the minutes of the June meeting were waived. The minutes were approved as written. The minutes of the meeting will appear on the Rocky Point Civic Association web page.

Report of Officers

Treasurers Report: Jennifer Carlson

Balance: \$ 10,277.43 Deposits: None

Withdrawals: \$268.00 for the Rocky Point Historical Society Garden Tour participation.

Membership Report: Kathy Weber

There was no membership report.

Secretary Report: Debra Hryvniak

Mail: Copies of the Mail are available during and after the meeting to review.

- The Long Island Ducks Baseball team provided information of group discounts for tickets.
- A notice of public comment period regarding the draft transportation conformity determination of the New York Metropolitan Council was received.

Cope Report: Cope Officer James Anson

- Rocky Point: At 149 King Road a bag of WWII/ Korean war grenades was found during the demolition of a vacant house. Some were live. They were removed and disposed of appropriately by authorities.
- Shoreham: a burglary/home invasion took place to steal a safe. The owners were home and knew the thieves. This was an isolated incident.
- Shoreham: an emotionally disturbed man was walking around with a gun. He was taken in for evaluation and the guns were taken away.
- Sound Beach: an armed robbery occurred
- TD Bank: A truck backed into the drive thru – this was not a burglary.
- Miller Ave/Shoreham: Traffic accident occurred.
- A suspicious white van was spotted with rumors circulating that a child was a kidnapped. These stories were not true, but rumors were escalated on social media. The police investigate all allegations when children are involved and would notify involved persons, community groups and civics if the information was found true and action was needed.

Land Use: Jeff Carlson

- Bob Leonard will provide a list of the land use committee members to the new land use committee chair Jeff Carlson.
- The agenda and meetings are to be determined.
- A plan for the committee is to address public and commercial locations in Rocky Point.
- The Committee will continue to address the zombie/vacant home issues.
- Discussion was held on the recent demolition of the Rocky Point Train station. Many thought the train station would be preserved and used for the proposed VFW museum.
 - A press release was sent by Landmark Properties in response to an inquiry on the demolition of the old train depot reporting the plan to reuse the large timber frames and recreate a similar pavilion on the sound side of the VFW museum. (see attachment)
- The Rail to Trails groundbreaking ceremony took place in October. The starting location is yet to be determined.

Farmers Market Committee Report: Virginia Heslin

There is no report for this month.

Beautification Committee Report: Kathy Weber

- The Baskets on Broadway will be changing to winter greens for the winter. Plans are for the baskets to be stuffed on 11/16/19 at the VFW hall at 10am. All volunteers are welcome. A request was made for donations of plastic ornaments and bows to place in the baskets. Concern was expressed on the baskets freezing delaying the changing of the basket greens. A plan for coving all the baskets with a tarp was made and offers of tarps volunteered.
- The Rocky Point Tree lighting will be 11/7/19 at 5pm.

President's Report: Wayne Farley

- The Fall festival was a nice event bringing back memories of street fairs from the past. Gary Pollakusky, president of the chamber reports close to 90 vendors were present. The Fire department supplied a variety of trucks. The Rocky Point/Sound Beach Chamber of Commerce plans to continue these festivals working with the vendors, the civics and the community.

Speaker: None

Old Business

- A motion was made at the last civic meeting to have a civic trustee under the age 18. Legally in New York this is not permitted. A motion was made by Jeff Carlson to have a student provide community service as a youth ambassador position to the board instead of a trustee position. This position would not have voting privileges. He nominates Quinton E. Palifka, a Rocky Point High School student who has been attending civic meetings regularly. The motion was seconded by Bob Leonard and passed by those present. Quentin accepted the position.

New Business-

- The insurance company has requested that a soft base be placed around the playground at the park behind Tilda's bakery by the middle of November. Jen Carlson reached out to Dan Losquadro who volunteered to deliver mulch to the park.
- Joe Cognitore reports the Park was dedicated May 1999. (see attachment) The VFW was considering naming the park after a past member who provided distinguished service during World War II. At the next VFW meeting this will be discussed. Bob Leonard suggested there is a celebration at the park next spring to honor this member and the renaming of the park.
- Elections were held for the three open positions on the civic board: secretary and two trustees.

There are three candidates for the positions who have agreed to each take one position. The secretary, Debra Hryvniak, cast a vote for secretary- Gary Pollakusky, trustee- Leah Buttacavoli, and trustee – Jeff Davis. The positions will be filled by these members. Congratulations were made. The swearing of the new officers will take place at the next civics meeting in December.

- A member reported the minutes of the last two meetings were not on the Civic Website. The secretary will explore this, and if needed a correction will be made. A question was raised on who administered the Rocky Point Civic Association web page. This would be Susan Wilson who owns the domain, wishes to continue ownership and volunteers to keep the site current.

Community Announcements

- The Rocky Point Funeral Home is providing Narcan training. Anyone interested please contact Jeff Davis for reservations.
- The Rotary Club is having a fundraiser selling lucky number calendars. If the winning numbers match your calendar, you will win money. The Rotary Club is also having a Quilt raffle- tickets are \$5 apiece. For more information please see Jeff Davis.
- Jen Carlson motioned to donate \$600 to the VFW for use of their hall for the civic meetings throughout the year. Maria Farley and Debra Hryvniak seconded the motion which was passed by the all present.

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\$ 30 dollars was won by Gerturde Farley.

Motion to Adjourn

On a motion made by Maria Farley, seconded by Gertude Farley, and passed by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54pm.

Next meeting date: December 3, 2019 at 7:30pm