

Chesapeake Beach Civic League
General Meeting
September 17, 2018

President TJ Morgan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Rob reported that a new Christmas tree is to be planted shortly. December 1 is the tentative date for the Grand Illumination evening. Pastor Rob is participating in a relief effort for storm victims in North Carolina and South Carolina. He advised the group to be cautious when donating to charities and advised monetary gifts rather than clothing, etc. He noted, also, the need for clean-up items. Home Depot, for example, sells flood buckets containing such items.

Wende Wiles gave the Treasurer's Report. There has been little change in the accounts from the August Report. Business Checking is \$16,936. The Business Market Rate Savings is \$11,727.26.

Joe Rutecki encouraged members to adopt a dog box, as they need attention. Joe is interviewing long-time Chesapeake Beach residents as an effort to preserve our history.

TJ Morgan gave a brief report from the Neighborhood Watch Committee. Jenny Williams noted that there were no incidents in the past month, and she encouraged those interested in becoming part of Neighborhood Watch to sign up at the website. A happy hour event to inform members will be scheduled soon.

Roger Walk gave the report from the Pride in Community Committee. The next awards will be made on October 23-24.

Melissa Griffith advised the next edition of the Newsletter will be issued in late November. She welcomes articles and photos.

Michele Zimmerman reported that Chesapeake Beach has the attention of the City, with the pumping of Pleasure House Lake and Chubb Lake. Michele and Becky Bump will explore and obtain engineering information regarding the installation of a permanent pipe to assist in this work. Wally Damon indicated the Bayfront Advisory Commission might be interested in working with the League on this issue. Michele and Wally encouraged members to thank the City for pumping the area lakes.

Michele Zimmerman shared information regarding coyote sightings at Seashore State Park and the growth of coyote populations in the area. It was noted that packs have been seen in the Bayside Recreation Center area, and that these animals can carry distemper and can infect dogs who are not vaccinated.

Kathy Damon reported that there will be an opportunity for public comment on short-term rentals later this fall.

Wally Damon noted that Bus 35 ridership has doubled this year.

TJ Morgan reported that the Holiday Party has been scheduled for the first Monday in December, December 3. The Grand Illumination will be held on December 1.

Under New Business, Bruce Johnson updated the group on the issue of driving golf carts on the Eastside of Chesapeake Beach. The City Council did not approve golf cart use on Lookout east of Pleasure House, Greenwell or Pleasure House Road. Golf cart drivers can cross only Lookout going north and south at Fentress, Seaview and Lee. It is not permissible to cross Greenwell or Pleasure House Roads. Members were encouraged to review legal requirements regarding license plates, etc. There was discussion of the need for signage to support these changes. Signs cost \$40.00 each. TJ Morgan will talk with Mr. Bailey about costs and will bring the matter back to the next meeting.

David Nygard, a candidate for the City Council from the Beach District, briefly addressed the group.

Joe Rutecki raised concerns about the number of people using Uber to come to the beach. It has created traffic as well as resulted in people drinking alcohol on the beach.

The winning raffle ticket prize was a cake courtesy of Mollie Byers.

Kathy Damon gave a brief report on the status of the short-term rental issue at the City Council. In short, the Council is “nowhere near making policy decisions.” There is confusion regarding the practice of grandfathering.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.