

**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF BID-A-WEE BEACH PARK, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Saturday, May 19, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Bid-A-Wee Beach Park, Inc. was held at the public library on Saturday, May 19, 2018. Present were 7 of 12 directors: David Smith, President; Dee Gibson, Secretary; Wanda Manning, Treasurer; Tom Graham, Regina Merritt, Wayne Middleton and Lynda Sheets, creating a quorum for the transaction of business. Mack Carter, Winston Griggs, Mark Lane, Kay Outlaw (VP) and JoAnn Peak were absent.

David Smith, President, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM. Minutes of the meeting held on March 10, 2018 were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Wanda Manning reported the checking account balance is \$34,199.51 and the money market account balance is \$50,564.29.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Dee Gibson reported we have 254 paid memberships for the 2018-19 year.

OLD BUSINESS:

Lynda Sheets reported on progress with FDOT to repair the drop-off along the parking spaces between #5 and Fontainebleau. Lynda stated as of yesterday, FDOT told her we are on their list and hope to do the job next week. Dee Gibson reported that her husband installed the new numbers on all the boardwalks to correctly number them #1-#5. No more #6.

NEW BUSINESS:

Following discussion, directors agreed that the only purpose and involvement of BAWBP, Inc. is and will continue to be the protection of the dedication and maintenance of the beach park, the one common interest the entire BAW community shares. Our membership has continued to grow over five years, breaking the record the last two years. By concentrating all our volunteer efforts on only the beach park, we have avoided the controversial division which results with anger and loss of membership when 'sides' are taken on other issues. We enjoy overwhelming support from our community. The Directors agreed 'we must be doing it right - let's continue'.

Following the annual letter and a reminder email last week, both detailing the nominations deadline May 25, no nominations have been received. There was discussion regarding the time consumed in counting ballots if the election is uncontested. Upon a motion by Wayne Middleton, seconded by Tom Graham, it was unanimously approved (NO Nays) that when the number running equals open vacancies (uncontested), counting ballots will not be necessary.

The President, David Smith, then led discussion regarding comments he had received about obtaining a warranty deed on the beachfront property. Lengthy discussion followed in which directors pointed out: 1) properties owned through Quit Claim Deeds are as legal and binding as other titles and are quite common; 2) since obtaining the Quit Claim Deed, no issue or problem has arisen and no attempt has been made to challenge our title; 3) although prior Boards had opportunity, they opted not to obtain a warranty deed; and, 4) when it was brought up at an annual meeting three years ago, the Board voted to take no action and circumstances have not

changed. Following discussion, with no dissent, directors verbally agreed that no action is necessary, and none will be taken (as reference: see minutes of 06/06/2015, 09/19/2015 and 01/09/2016 for prior vote to take no action).

A possible action to ensure every BAW property owner be required to pay annual dues for each lot owned was also suggested to David and he asked for director's consideration. The following discussion ensued: 1) our membership is the highest in history of BAWBP; 2) for tax purposes, the beach was declared an amenity to the entire Bid-A-Wee Community, regardless of membership, and all property owners must be given access; 3) no language in the recorded dedication requires payment in order to access the beach; 4) requiring payment could be considered a 'commercial activity', prohibited in the dedication and subsequent court rulings; 5) enough voluntary funds are collected to maintain the property and complete projects; 6) forcing people to pay dues is political, divisive and legally challenging and not one director present was willing to support an attempt; and, 7) our members and community are very happy with the progress accomplished each year, people are joining because they are encouraged and want to support BAWBP and the beach park and share good feelings throughout our community. (See minutes of 03/15/2014 for prior vote).

Tom Graham made a motion that the following resolution be adopted. Regina Merritt seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved (NO Nays) that:

BE IT RESOLVED that membership dues from those wanting to support our beach park are successfully sustaining all projects and activities that are undertaken; THEREFORE, BAWBP, Inc. will continue its current voluntary membership status.

The President explained an email from a member re. commercial vendors and CS/HB 631 to potentially stop or limit east/west pedestrian traffic. Directors discussed that the dedication and court rulings prohibit commercial activity. Discussion then ensued regarding Bill 631, which, it was agreed, will be appealed for years and most likely will never be enforced. An article in the Jacksonville newspaper was referenced in which a FL Representative, having voted for the Bill, explained that the dunes to the water is state property and nothing in the Bill changes that. It was pointed out that we were not allowed to build past the toe of the dunes on #1 & #5. Our beach re-nourishment agreement with the state was also discussed. Tom Graham then made the motion, seconded by Lynda Sheets, that the Board adopt the following resolution, which was unanimously approved (NO Nays):

BE IT RESOLVED, no action resulting from CS/HB 631 will be undertaken by the Board of Directors of BAWBP, Inc.

The directors then reviewed logistics for the Annual Meeting of Members on June 9 and went through the presentation for the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

/s/ Dee Gibson, Secretary