



PWEA MEETING MINUTES

May 5, 2021

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of the Port Washington Estates Association was held on May 5, 2021, at 6pm via Zoom Conferencing due to the Coronavirus pandemic and directives to “social distance.”

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the April 15th, 2021 meeting were approved to be posted on the PWEA website.

Equipment concerns

It was brought to the board’s attention that the beach playground slide ended dangerously close to the neighboring swing supports. Consequently, the slide’s position will be changed back to its original orientation as soon as possible, but caution tape will be used in the meantime to prevent accidents. We need to find a new handyman, because Tom Mansfield will no longer be maintaining the beach and dock equipment or supervising Victor. He was upset by the presence of unleashed dogs on the beach.

Redistributing PWEA board responsibilities

As Richard Genova will be leaving PW Estates, someone will need to take over his position organizing the kayak racks. Gavin requested that Angela handle it temporarily, for the transition.

Angela suggested that we put out a call for new board members and committee volunteers, as both Richard’s and Tom’s absences will take us down to eight members among whom to distribute multiple responsibilities. Former board member, Eric Weintraub, is willing to take over mooring coordination. All voted to approve.

All paid-in-full members can apply for board or committee positions. Handyman skills are preferred, but not necessary. Meir pointed out that from a liability standpoint, we should hire licensed and insured professionals. Victor does have Worker’s Comp. We will inquire as to whether the contractor who built the sunfish rack is available for small jobs. We are open to suggestions for affordable, reliable contractors. Brandt Marine will come back to do structural repairs on the boardwalk.



Repairing the Palapas

After a long search, former board member Will Thompson found a thatcher for the Palapas, but the steep price is \$7200. In an internet search, Gwynne Bloomfield-Pike found someone working for Disney who recommended synthetic thatch with 20 year warranties. Gavin will research this alternative, as it would require extra supports and a competent roofer do the installation. Once we have a price, we will vote by email. Gavin opined that the original thatch would have lasted more than 6 years without all the movement from construction.

Beach Security

Howard will call the security company to get updated prices. He will continue to open and close the gates, except when traveling. The pedestrian gate lock combination is 1908. There was a unanimous vote to start locking the pedestrian gate as of May 15th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40