

Blackwater Village Association, Inc

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BWV Spring Membership Meeting 5/18/25 @ 12pm

Proof of quorum and Call to order - Patti called meeting to order at 12:01, we do not have quorum. Introduced herself and current board, and thanks for coming. Asked that questions be held to the end. Dan – VP, MK – secretary, Clair – treasurer, Mike – architecture committee director, Debbe – director, Karen – director, Bob – director (absent)

1. New member welcome – Rose and Ted - Creek Rd
2. Secretary's Report – went over survey, will post minutes
3. President's Report – thanked previous board. Ideas from the community, participation is key. Listed accomplishments – phase 2 street lights all replaced, addressed road safety issues – stop bars, 2 new stop signs, seeing some improvement, DelDot says not able to get speed bumps/humps or lower speed limit since state owned roads. Thanks to village green committee – all volunteers contact Teresa Mulligan or Cindy if want to get involved. Created Magnolia circle and extended pollinator garden - will be adding plants to entrances. Security cameras up and running for playground, shed, and pavilion. Added lights. If you see something suspicious, call the police. Looking ahead, will be improving the piers, upgrades to the playground, going to power-wash the equipment and tables, wanting to start a focus group with tweens and teens to see what they would want in community spaces. Thanks to John Meritt for clearing out Moccasin pier area – stayed within guidelines from DNREC. Looking into website being updated, proposed to change FB to be more of a regular community page where ppl can add posts.
4. Treasurer's Report – shoutout to previous board, reserve and contingency funds in good shape, looking to come in under budget, switched banks from M&T to County Bank to eliminate fees. Starting this year, if wanting to pay dues w CC, will need to pay the admin fee charged by Quickbooks. We will be spending money wisely since budget and income are very very close, little margin for extra. Dumpsters were a hit, we used reserve money for it. Our electricity bill will never go down, biggest expense. We will be applying for a phragmite grant to cover some of the costs for mitigation.
5. Committee Reports – Mike (arc) no updates, been busy with new builds and tree removal. Teresa (greens) thanks to everyone who has helped us so far, success with pollinator garden, good feedback so far. Looking to add more plants at entrances. Happy for more hands and any ideas. Interested in firefly survey one dusk.

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6. Old Business – Dan – added to Treasurer’s report and reiterated that in estimating income for our budget we were very conservative, we did not include fines in the budget since they are not regularly occurring and in the recent past, we weren’t paying for electricity. Piers – in 2023, requests went out for bids to replace Shawnee pier, now with higher tides, the end is under water more regularly. Bids came back \$15,054-50,000. We want to raise the end about a foot and a half and make the platform bigger. We asked John Merrit to get the ball rolling. No traction with DNREC forever until recently. They will be coming out to inspect before granting approval. Thanks to Tom Dunkin, Bob and others who have been continually keeping the piers in shape. No plans to improve Moccasin until Shawnee is done.
7. New Business – no new business other than CC fee for dues and volunteer committee to be formed – playground maintenance
8. Nominations – Debbie’s director position is coming to an end, taking nominations for a new director – 3 year position. Lisa McAllen volunteers for nominating committee
9. Questions/Comments/Suggestions – Karen – raising dues? Not at this time; Rose – which bank? County Bank, what is timeframe for nominations? August 1; People need to clean up after their dogs! Can we get another sign about picking up after your dog for Shawnee? Yes, will look into; Thanks to the board for new stop signs, can we trim back bushes at Shawnee/Mohican hard to see down the street? Add to eblasts to slow down. Can we add a speed limit sign after the curve on Shawnee? Will look into; Association Insurance for community amenities? Will look into
10. Adjournment – Patti adjourned at 1 pm

Respectfully submitted,

MaryKay Janssen - Treasurer