

## **Annual Board Meeting Minutes Sept 13, 2025**

New Beach Association, Inc. (Woodland Beach)

President, Linda Gagne called the meeting to order at 10am. She asked that all cell phones be silenced and for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Pam Maser and present were President Linda Gagne, Vice-President Daniel Achauer, Treasurer Bev Betts, Trustee Bobby Carter was absent.

Linda asked each candidate running for trustee if they wanted to make a statement about themselves before voting. Candidates were Scott Gates, Frank Burlew, David Jewell and Al Metdepenningen. There are two trustee positions open.

Larry Smith from the Frenchtown Resort District Authority was present at our meeting to discuss the millage renewal that will be on the November 4, 2025 ballot. The RDA takes care of our roads, tree removal, reimburses snow plow removal costs and they installed our sea walls and drains. All money from the millage goes directly to the RDA district. Detroit Edison pays a millage towards this also.

Kyle Bryant, our Frenchtown Township clerk was also in attendance at our meeting to discuss the property where the old River Raisin Golf course was. The township has plans to purchase it from ProMedica (the current owner) and have future plans for green space there with access to State Park and frontage for a possible commercial data processing center and store fronts. He indicated public meetings will be held on this before the plans proceed.

Linda read the minutes from September 14, 2024 and asked for a motion to approve. Denise Vore made the motion to accept and Al Metdepenningen seconded the motion and all approved and the motion carried.

Linda asked for motion to accept financial report from May 31, 2024 to May 31, 2025 and Denise Vore made the motion to accept and Al Metdepenningen seconded the motion and all approved and the motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

We continue to get some delinquent accounts paid and will continue to place liens on any that become delinquent.

David Jewell is our blight person and is doing a good job. Anyone can turn in blight problems to the township.

Volunteer day was held in May with about 18 residents present. The beach and playground were cleaned up, graffiti removed from the break wall and slide and also flowers were planted. The slide was repaired by Randy Maser.

We still have tree stumps and trimming to be done. The RDA has approved the hiring of more tree services so we should see work done soon. A complaint was made about bushes hindering sight onto Dixie at Elmwood. Linda will look into this and file a complaint if necessary.

### **New Business**

We planted two trees this year, a Maple and an Oak. Pam and Al Metdepenningen donated and planted a tree in memory of Pam's mother.

We have tried various ways of dealing with our geese problem. The DNR suggested growing a strip of grass about 2 feet and we also put out pots with spinners and flags in them.

The sheriff had to temporarily suspend officers off the RDA payroll because of lack of sufficient amount of deputies. Our calls will still be answered but we might experience a little longer response time. The Resort officers will be established again when deputies are available.

The Boulevard entrance landscaping has been removed and totally redone with rocks and ornamental grasses.

Linda asked the appointed volunteers to please count the votes. The volunteer vote counters were, Linda Younglove, Robin Awishes and Greta Beaubien. The election results are: Scott Gates 0, Frank Burlew 17, David Jewell 61 and Al Metdepenningen 65.

### **Open Discussion**

Dave Mullendore asked if we could possibly cut up the logs on the beach to prevent fires against the break walls. Al Metdepenningen will try to get rid of them.

MaryAnne Loop asked about putting the guard rails back up as she doesn't care for what we now have in place. There are no plans to replace them at this time.

Discussion was held on golf carts and allowing young children to drive them. We do allow them on the hill in the park as many people use out of necessity. The township has made them legal on the streets.

Mary Anne Loop disapproves of us renting a tent for the meetings. It is what the board has decided to do each year and has worked well the past few years.

Mary Anne Loop asked for a motion to have a ballot vote next year to change the way we vote from one vote for each lot owned to one vote per lot owner. Frank Burlew seconded the motion. Three approved and 16 disapproved. Motion failed.

Linda thanked the volunteer election vote counters and she thanked Dan Achauer for his years served on the board. We also want to thank Bobby Carter for the many years he spent on the board.

Pam Metdepenningen made a motion to adjourn and Greta Beaubien seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:11am.