

CHA General Meeting

April 27, 2023

In attendance:

Board & Committee Members:

Joe Kirby	Larry Van Horn	Mary Molinaro	Chris Yambor
Tina Sevik	Ernie Schmidhauser	Diane Allen	David Powers
Brad Sharpless	Jack Sloan	Betsy Sloan	

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Joe Ganem	Andrea Harris	Betty James	Michelle Bernstein
Tina Asher	Sue	Steve W	Shelly
Angela	Sue Dalrymple	Crystal Micriotti	

Welcome & Review of Agenda by Joe Kirby

Joe welcomed all in attendance at the April General board meeting. He let the audience know that Kirk Mitchell was unable to make it to our meeting and that CNA has a few more smoke detectors available for donation.

General Board Meeting Minutes:

October 2022 and April 2022 meeting notes approved.

Election of Officers

The next announcement led to the official election of officers. Joe opened the floor to the audience, asking for any names to be added to the election candidates:

President – no names were suggested to run against Crystal Micriotti, and she was confirmed for President.

Vice President – no names were suggested to run against Sue Dalrymple, and she was confirmed for Vice President.

Treasurer – no names were suggested to run against Tina Sevick, and she was confirmed for Treasurer.

Secretary- no names were suggested to run against Diane Allen, and she was confirmed for Secretary.

Finance and Budget Approval:

Treasurer Tina Sevik was introduced to present the CNA finance and budget approvals.

- Motion to Approve of 2023-2024 FY Budget was made and it was unanimously approved.

New Proposed Event for Current Fiscal Year:

- “Spring Bling” Ice Cream Social for Chartley residents as part of membership recruitment.
 - June 10
 - Proposed budget of \$250
 - Motion to approve spending of \$250 approved.

Chesapeake Bay Trust’s Urban Tree Grant Program:

Presented by Lawrence Van Horn.

- CNA plans to apply for a \$5,000 grant to plant and install a variety of trees throughout the community.
- Tree types:
 - Cherry tree
 - Dogwood
 - Ginkgo
 - Hickory
 - Hornbeam
 - Japanese lilac tree
 - Linden
 - Pear tree (ornamental pear trees)
 - Red Bud
- Benefits:
 - Trees Clean the Air: Trees act as giant filters that clean the air we breathe by intercepting and absorbing air-borne pollutants. A mature, leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year.
 - Trees improve the soil: Trees store and change harmful pollutants into less toxic forms. They filter sewage and chemicals, clean roadside spills and clean water runoff into streams.
 - Trees increase property value: Real estate values increase when trees are planted on a property. Research shows that buyers are willing to spend 3 to 7 percent more on a home with ample trees. This curb-appeal factor can be the difference between someone stopping to look at your house or passing it by.
 - Trees shade and cool: Shade from trees reduces the need for air conditioning in summer. Studies have shown that parts of cities without shade from trees can become “heat islands,” with temperatures as much as 12 degrees higher than surrounding tree-laden areas.

- Trees bring people together: Neighborhoods with shady streets and parks create outdoor spaces that attract people, according to research. Their shade encourages people to enjoy walks and bike rides beneath their large canopies.
- Trees reduce stress: Whether supporting forts for children or providing creative inspiration for adults, trees give us a space we can retreat to. Simply sitting and looking at trees has been proven to reduce blood pressure as well as reduce stress-related hormones.
- Trees enhance the view: Trees can catch the eye with four seasons of beautiful colors and transitions.
- Trees support wildlife: From seeds to sprouts, trees are an important resource for animals, pollinators and birds. Trees provide food, shelter and a place to nest.
- Trees control noise pollution: Trees are effective barriers against urban noise, not to mention much prettier than a stone wall.
- Trees reduce violence: Trees may foster safer, more sociable neighborhoods, data show.

Subsidize Sidewalk and Driveways:

Mary makes a motion to approve to apply for the grant. Diane seconds the approval; all are in favor.

- County provides payout through taxes for sidewalk installation.
- \$106 a block to put on County bill.
- Mary made a motion to apply for the County Grant. Diane second the motion, all are in favor.

Special Guest Speaker- Kirk Mitchell (Not in Attendance)

Crystal Micriotti reports upcoming Main Street events.

- Music on Main Street summer concerts June 23rd through August 25th
- Farmers Markets June 11th through October 29th
- Bloomin' ArtFest May 13th
- Beer & Wine Festival June 3rd

Upcoming Community Events

- Cleaning of the Chartley stream
- CNA Yard Sales
- Spring Bling
- National Night Out.
- CNA Crab Feast

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm