

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENT & NATUARAL ASSETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, November 19, 11: AM**  
**EAST ROOM**

**Present:** Chairman Ken Wolf, Sharon Santacroce, John Maziuk, Anne O'Connell, and Pat Benner attended making a quorum. Susan Holt and Karen Detter were excused. New liaison Amy Peck attended as well as board president, Larry Perrone. Also in attendance were Greg Santacroce, Joe Reynolds, and Greg Ellison from Bayside Gazette.

**Call to Order:** Ken Wolf called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**Chairman's comments and public comments:** Ken introduced Kevin Smith, Executive Director of MCBP, as our guest speaker.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Sharon and seconded by John and approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for our last meeting on Oct. 27, 2021, were approved by a motion from John and seconded by Sharon was approved by a unanimous vote of committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Presentation by MCBP – Kevin Smith gave an in-depth presentation and spoke at length as to the possibilities and suggestions for optimization the Route 90 Pond (Offshore Lake) property. Ken and Mr. Smith both toured the pond and wooded pathway to look for areas of improvement and possible extending the pathway all the way around the pond. Mr. Smith said the pathway was in pretty good shape. Mr. Smith said a survey by DNR could be done by April 2022 as to water depth at this pond and volunteers from MCB may come test water quality. Pat mentioned the possibility of adding a kayak launch. Ken would like this pond to become a nature preserve.
- Discussions on bay front property in Ocean City – Larry Perrone told Ken that this is being transferred to the marine committee and is no longer our concern. Larry stated that the committee should “stay in your lane”. Ken indicated that he would continue to consider and look at the environmental asset portion of this property creatively, and OPA properties like this, to see if there could be value added to benefit the OPA property owners. Ken advised that if that was not agreeable then Larry should ask for his resignation.
- Mailboxes – Larry stated that the work the committee had done on elevating the question of mailbox condition was now the province of the Budget and Finance Committee. He advised he was leveraging the threat of requiring delivery to individual homes to persuade the Post Office to repair existing mail boxes. Ken explained to Larry that our committee's vision went beyond the mere physical, and likely crude repair of the existing primitive sites. We focused on the need and benefit in creating attractive user-

friendly sites with roofs and solar lighting that would add manifold values for the property owners. Larry advised that we should “stay in our lane “

- Water testing status – no one was present to discuss the recent results of the newly performed water pond tests. However, Larry spoke at length about the previous water tests being hidden by Tom Janasek from the board including this committee. He also spoke about Marty Clarke accusing the board of hiding the results from residents and that he would publicly mention Marty Clarke at the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board meeting.
- Status of motion on Flight Turf and establishment of an effective vegetative border – the committee withdrew the motion on Flight Turf since further investigation proved installation costs to be prohibitive. The vegetative border continues to be discussed and the Garden Club will be invited to give a presentation on recommended attractive plants that will suit this purpose. Vegetation only needs to be 14 inches high to produce results.
- Status of new geese signs – no one was present to give an update on the status

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Prepare submission to educate the board on the universe of goose control options and the ones we have used in the past decade and why. This project is underway. Our committee has lost seasoned resources in membership and needs to conduct further research to finalize.
- Geese control measures going forward will consist of educating the residents as to why planting indigenous vegetation around our ponds will deter large goose gatherings (both resident and migratory) and also discourage nesting. It was mentioned in our last meeting that Eddie Wells, Department of Public Works, will handle egg addling in the spring of 2022 to cut down on growing our resident goose population. Both these techniques combined together are recommended solutions by Maryland DNR. In addition, our DO NOT FEED signs should hopefully be installed around the ponds soon.

Joe Reynolds , suggested that killing the geese is the only solution that works. Sharon stated round-ups are only a temporary solution and highly controversial. Our committee is dedicated to finding a permanent solution that allows all residents to co-exist. The committee has diligently worked and continues to work on providing permanent solutions .

- Date of next meeting – January 26,, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the East Room.

## **Adjourn**