

DRAFT
CONGREGATIONAL SUMMER ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL MEETING

Date: September 26, 2020
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Call to Order: President Freeburg called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. EDT and noted the meeting would be recorded for purposes of drafting accurate minutes. Mr. Reisner opened in prayer. Ms. Freeburg then introduced Ms. Smith, parliamentarian, Ms. Wolszon, Vice President, Ms. Meeker, Secretary, Ms. Reisner and Mr. Allred, technical support, as the panelists who were supporting the meeting. She set the adjournment time for 11:30 a.m. EDT. She noted one addition to the agenda regarding the operetta. A quorum was present, and no proxies were filed with the Secretary in advance of the meeting. Ms. Freeburg announced that, in accordance with the Michigan Non-Profit Corporations Act, a list of all eligible voters had been published via the Zoom chat function, and for privacy reasons the list of addresses of eligible voters is available from the Secretary. She then appointed the reader committee from the 2020 Annual Meeting, Barbara Patterson, Barbara Perry and Jane Cooper, to review the minutes of this meeting. She welcomed Michele Swanson, a new member who bought a cottage within the past week.

“Privilege Ticket” Proposed Name Change: Ms. Wolszon then reviewed a presentation which had been previously presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting and was provided in advance of this meeting. She discussed the survey which had been held over the past summer, and the overwhelming support of the community to change the name “Privilege Ticket” to “Assembly Ticket” going forward. Ms. Wolszon then moved: **On behalf of the Communications Committee and Board of Trustees that the name “Privilege Ticket” be changed to “Assembly Ticket” and, once approved, the Board be authorized to take action to effectuate that change.**

Motion seconded by Ann Murphy Burroughs. Ms. Freeburg asked for further questions and there were none. Ms. Freeburg asked attendees to vote on the motion, and the motion was **APPROVED** with a vote of 112 yea, 1 nay, 1 abstain.

Celebration of Life: Mr. Reisner then led the Celebration of Life for births and deaths in the community since the end of the 2019 season. He announced there will be a special Sunday service next summer for the Celebration of Life for 2020 and 2021. A video was played and a copy of the names celebrated is attached as Attachment 1.

Summer 2021 Operetta Schedule: Ms. Freeburg then noted the summer 2021 scheduling plans for the Children’s and Adult Operettas, specifically that the schedule originally planned for 2020 would be followed. Ms. Freeburg asked that questions or comments be directed to Judy Rodes. A video was played featuring the cast of “Beauty and the Beast”, the Adult Operetta for 2021.

Michigan Dunes Update: Ms. Freeburg then asked Mr. Belknap to update the community about the work the Lake Michigan Dunes Bluff and Beach ad hoc committee had been doing. Ms. Freeburg asked that detailed questions or comments be directed to Mr. Belknap directly. Mr. Belknap shared a presentation. He discussed the status of the dunes and beach, the effects of the changing climate, the interest of the CSA property owners north of the CSA beach in installing a metal seawall, and options which could be available to the CSA to protect its dunes, including restricting beach access, installing a seawall, and installing additional dune plantings.

He noted the Army Corps of Engineers may be predicting a slight lowering of Lake Michigan over the next six months and expects we will know more once we receive a proposal from the north CSA properties. Mr. Belknap then answered questions, a list of which and summaries of his response is attached hereto as Attachment 2.

Mr. Tim Potter, owner of the cottage immediately north of the CSA beach, then addressed the community; he noted his appreciation of the Committee's work. The situation is dire with the coming winter storms. The three owners to the north of the CSA beach plan to apply to replace their current wooden seawall which was installed with approval from the CSA in 1986. They will be going over private property to replace the wall and may need access over CSA common property. They intend to install over the winter or spring.

After questions and answers, Ms. Freeburg indicated the Board is waiting for a proposal from the CSA property owners north of the Michigan beach, who are working as fast as they can, and that the Bylaws require 21 days' notice to call another special meeting to discuss. The Board has authorized resources for consultants for this work. Announcements for next ad hoc committee meetings will be by email. Ms. Freeburg asked if people believe the access is too dangerous, to please let her or Mr. Belknap know so it can be closed.

Ms. Freeburg thanked everyone for participating and encouraged everyone to join the CSA email list.

Beth Wolszon then moved to adjourn the meeting; Beth Congbalay seconded; motion **APPROVED**.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. EDT

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Meeker, Secretary

Attachment 1
2020 Celebration of Life

Births

Carter Douglas Combe (Fuller, Elliott)
Lucy Savannah Cunningham
Linus Birch Dennison
Tucker Reed Elder (Spitzer, Ohlinger)
Shiloh Forrest Farmer (Boecker, Hughes)
Axton Phoenix Feinberg (Clements, Gottlieb)
Winsome Weekes Furste (Gruman)
Clara Josephine Gruman
Thomas Everett Henry
Macie Elizabeth Kuhn (Miller)
Liam Norton
Isaac Alexander Perrino (Swartzbaugh, Limmer)
(one name not included here at request of the family)
Daphne Dorothy Voegele (Iles)

Deaths

Patsy Smolik Potter Beck
Marjorie H. Butler
Elizabeth (Betsy) Churchill
Hanna Kiep Clements
Richard Cosaro
Bradford Crane
Philip (Flip) Daly
Martha Way Dapogny
James F. Fish
Marc G. Haidle, M.D.
Jack Arlen Hughes
Erik D. Johnson
Charles H. (Chuck) King IV
Frederick Joseph Marker
Robert A. Meyers
Willard Andre (Andy) Mollema
Susan Burrows Kidder Nelson
Barbara Porter Pray
David Haswell Robertson
Carol Barch Taylor
Rosemary Thomas
Anne Park Vogel

Attachment 2
Questions and Answers regarding Michigan Dunes
September 26, 2020
Answers by David Belknap, Chair Michigan Dunes Bluff and Beach Ad Hoc Committee

Given how fast the erosion has changed in the last few years, is there an estimate of losing more of the upper dune?

- At this time, the estimate is approximately 1 foot per year.

Could the CSA Owners north of the CSA Beach access the beach from the same location that Wildwood used?

- No.

Isn't the lake at its geologic high now, i.e., there are about 20-30-year cycles, and aren't we at a high lake level now?

- Yes, we have surpassed the prior high level, but experts expect the cycles to be shorter in the future.

Does the ad hoc committee have a recommendation?

- Not at this time.

Has the Committee reviewed the legal opinions from the 1980's?

- Not at this time.

If we do not put a sea wall in, you are saying the bluff lost a foot a year?

- Geologists say the bluffs recede a foot a year in a normal year, but during high water level, the erosion can go faster.

If there hasn't already been contact, I highly recommend reaching out to Michigan Sea Grant's coastal resilience specialist, Mark Breederland. Regarding seawalls, he may have some relevant and critical information about wave attenuation and the impact that neighboring seawalls can have on un-buffered bluffs.

- If neighbors do seawalls, the CSA could be impacted because of the reflection of the wave energy. Thank you, we will contact him.

Do the neighbors to the north have riparian rights?

- I don't know.

Is the CSA bluff under the auspices of Sleeping Bear restrictions? To my understanding construction in the area has been under significant constraints previously.

- I am not aware if it is.

When will the ad hoc committee be meeting? Will these meetings be open?

- The next meeting is not scheduled but will be open and all are welcome. We will publish the date and time.

What is the recommendation of the committee?

- This meeting was informational, and there is not a recommendation at this time.

What needs to be done to close the pathway?

- There is orange fencing that can be used to close the fencing.

If they are accessing the beach on their own property what say does the CSA have in respect to their decision to rebuild the seawall?

- We will know more when we get their proposal.

if the CSA Michigan access is steep and dangerous, wouldn't it make sense to close it?

- There are many people in the CSA community for whom access to the Michigan beach is an important part of their experience. We will close it if it becomes too dangerous.

Isn't there a debate about ownership of beach area because of high water area belonging to the state? So current seawall would be on state property.

- This is an issue that needs further research.

Given the erosion and continued human-inflicted damage taking place with the current access, shouldn't all access to the beach be closed in the hope we can all do our part to save the future of this treasured resource? The beach is important to ALL of us - it's our responsibility as stewards of this precious area to ensure its best hope for the future. We can all do our part and sacrifice access for a few years.

- If it is dangerous we will close it.

Is there a plan to repair damage to the bluff caused by foot traffic on the open path to Lake Michigan?

- Not at this time.