

VALLEY SHORES ASSOCIATION, INC
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2005

Treasury Report – given by Nick

29 members have paid their dues as of today.

\$150 of back dues has been collected

Members will be given to 6/15 to pay, without a reminder. After that, a second notice with a personal visit by Nick to unpaid members.

Insurance: Nick has been in contact with Bob Howard on getting a better policy with a contact of his. A discussion on the possible closing of Beach #2, Russo Dr was had as this would impact our premium, since a beach is a high cost to insure versus open space. Also discussed was closure of Beach #1, Russo Dr. It would be a possible savings of \$1000 if both beaches were closed and just left for open space usage (i.e. fishing, boating). The Board agreed that a vote would have to take place on any beach closure. Nick will advise in future meetings on insurance premiums.

Signage Discussion:

New signs need to be in place on the beaches, Ray will work on getting new signs ordered. The topic of Valley Shore Association signage was also raised. We will need to decide on a location for two signs, one at the Valley Shore/North Madison entrance area and Valley Shore/Nut Plains entrance. Ray suggested cedar signage for both areas. Cost will need to be discussed at future meeting.

Beach Discussion:

Beach #1 Project:

One bid was received for the proposed work. The estimate was \$2726. We can not afford to do the work at that cost. Nick had a conversation with Scott, one of our newest neighbors, who said he would be willing to cost the trees down and haul away the wood for no charge. After discussion, we are willing to scale back on the tree work and Nick will contact Scott this weekend to arrange for a site visit to Beach #1 to discuss what needs to be removed. Ray advised that the remaining work(sink hole repair, seeding, etc) and stump removal would cost approximately \$500. A vote was taken and a budget of \$500 was passed. Volunteers will be needed to help with the work. Discuss further at next meeting.

Open area mowing:

Beach 3 Chris Fenwick still needs to be contacted to confirm if he is still going to do it this year. Nick – please contact

Beach Clean Up Day - Was a success! The work was completed in a short amount of time.

Drainage Issues Discussion:

Ray called the Town and was advised to write a letter from the Association and also include letters from affected residents. Jean Bishop phoned Ray back and was advised that the situation would be looked into and a follow up phone call would be made back to Ray by the end of this week. Ray will follow up next week if no call is received.

We will need to ask for letters from affected residents outlining their issue with the drainage problems. These letters will be attached to our main letter. Nick and Ray are to approach the neighbors about writing these letters. Ray will also address other concerns of the Association in the letter to the town, such as the necessary curb repair after the snowplowing, the sink hole on North Madison and the mirror at the intersection of North Madison and Valley Shore Dr. If no response from the town, the next step will be to take this to a public town meeting.

Discussion was had about an Association clean up day of the drainage area between Russo and Suzanne. The proposed idea of a letter to the neighbors whose property this backs up to was once again discussed. Nick mentioned again he would discuss the thought of a clean up day to Mr. Rink and try to see if he could get some positive feedback on the idea.

Website:

Chris showed off our proposed website. Our home page looks fantastic with the aerial photos of Valley Shores. The board approved on paying the yearly cost of \$115 for the site. We have decided to have advertising on the site to help offset our cost. For a fee of \$100 for the first six months, the advertiser will receive space on our website in addition to receive advertising in our VSA printed directory. If the \$100 is a problem, we are willing to lower the cost to \$85 for the first six months. If anyone has any leads for Advertiser's, please forward them to Chris. We would like to concentrate on the service industry.

Launching of the site was also discussed. A blast type email can be sent to the members who have supplied their email address. It can also be included in the membership newsletter as well as in the paper directory.

VSA Directory:

Publish date of August 1. Nick, please have info at next meeting so I can get started on the directory.

Association Summer Party:

Christa Parisi will be the Chairwoman for our first annual Valley Shore Day.

Committee volunteers are as follows:

Janice Briguglio
Annie and Chris Uzzo
Sheri Luden
Julie Cusano
Sherri Vedrani

It was decided that our July membership newsletter will need to include a registration form for the picnic.

Christa – if you want to meet with your committee prior to our next board meeting, you can email everyone on the committee expect for Sherri Vedrani, as I forgot to get her email.

No membership newsletter will be sent out this month.

JULY BOARD MEETING

**July 6, 730pm, tentatively scheduled for the Uzzo residence at 252 Valley Shore Drive.
Chris will confirm back to me and I will advise everyone if there is a change of venue.**