

**Lordship Improvement Association
Committee/Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes April 30, 2024**

Attendees: Hans Drenkard, John Florian, Karen Kochiss Jane Scofield, Emily Viner, Jim Warren. Matt Ralabate, Larry Cicarelli

Meeting called to order 7:03 PM

Larry Cicarelli, Director of Public Safety, came to strategize control of beach activities.

A “legitimate event” flier prompted the recent activity at Short Beach. Beat 1&2 will be stationary near beach entrances until public gets the message that the beaches are not party -friendly places. Parameters need to be established for dealing with similar situations in the future. Earlier police presence should help. Calling Lary directly may help with bigger picture solutions including parking enforcement. We will keep in touch. Jim and John will be contact points for other impending threats that may be helped by community communication.

The town is setting up a flood mitigation plan including sinking at the end of the runway.

Treasurers Report – Susan Birge

<u>Beginning Balance</u>	\$ 17,291.24
Revenue	
Memberships (263 YTD), Milford Bank Donation (\$250)	\$ 1,500.00
Disbursements	
Aquarion Water Co	\$ 12.86
Austin Ganim (1/3 mowing & trail maint for season)	\$ 2,490.00
Hollandia Nursery (6 trees 20% off)	\$ 1,680.00
10 Grabbers for Earth Day Cleanup	\$ 106.20
Shannon Landscape & Garden Ctr (mulch for gardens)	\$ 573.12
<u>Total Disbursements</u>	<u>\$ 4,862.18</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 13,929.06
Report Accepted	

100th Anniversary Celebration

- Matt informed us that door will be changed and we will get 2 key copies. Access to upstairs needs to be assured.
- The celebration will be June 23rd with cookout 4-6 PM followed by Keltic Kick playing 6-8PM
- Jane has a planning spreadsheet, which she will email out.
- Band will set up on the esplanade, People park on back half of esplanade. Publicity should promote walking or golf carts. We can use our cars to block off the roads. Jane will work with Bryan and Public works to coordinate road blocking.
- We can use half kettle grill. We need to use two chimneys to get the grill going.
- There are several tents available
- Food: Plan change – Jane and Susan will go to Restaurant Depot or Bj’s for the full food order. 100 - 150 Burgers and hotdogs. They will bring the budget to next meeting.
- We will have a Potluck dessert contest. Jim Warren and Matt Ralabate will be judges.

- Tom will set up history display. There might be an issue with wind. Some of the pop-ups have side walls.
- Publicity should advise attendees to bring their own chairs and blankets.
- Jane will contact Jack Guckert to invite him.
- We will leave it as “Kids Games” for activities
- LFC will firm their involvements up in their June 5 meeting .

Burgess – Jane Scofield (report emailed to BoG before meeting)

2024 – LIA 100th Anniversary, June 23 2024.

LFC, OLOP Smokers Party KofC changed to May 10

2025 -

Awaiting reply from Riann/Edwin Rooney.

Communications – John Florian

LIA Website Articles and Social Media:

- Kelly Kerrigan responded to questions about Lordship trees with tons of info. So rather than one article about trees, I'll do several short ones based on her interview and other info from LIA.
- Additional topics: LIA June 23 party, 2025 Calendar & photos request, Membership Drive, Lordship History, LIA History (which Tom promises to write), and whatever else comes up. The plan is to post at least two items per week through late June or beyond.

At Saturday's Russian Beach Cleanup:

- More than 50 volunteers showed up to clean the beach. Christine did outstanding job organizing the event. The town had requested the number of volunteers we get, so Christine had a signup sheet, giving us names, addresses, phones, and email addresses. Question: what to do with it? Jane will load it to a spreadsheet.
- Compare the list to LIA membership and contact non-members about joining? Or
- Email all volunteers with THANK YOU and note to any non-members about joining.
- Joe Gresko about rain barrels, and he said Aquarion currently is "mad" about regulatory fees and delays but he thinks 20 barrels might be available in May. It will be minimal, considering the transitional corporate state of Aquarion.

Membership/Donation Drive

- Let's start drafting letter now, to mail around Memorial Day. Jane has started draft and will email it.
- Thermometer will go up in early August.
- John has a meeting next week with the printer. Design cost will be a little higher this year.

Environment and Education –

- Earth Day success documented in Communications Report
- Board members will coordinate recruiting tree adopters.
- We will get trunk protectors to avoid weed wacking.

Beautification Committee- Karen Kochiss

- Karen researched Plant-A Tree programs and thought we might want to set up similar effort.
- Gardens are up and running.
- Mulch will be delivered tomorrow afternoon.
- Perennials are being promoted.
- Washington Paarkway sign and garden have been filled with Karen's perennials by our new neighbors in the condos
- Several roses have died and should be burlap wrapped for winter.
- Pilings are rotted and we need a source for new ones.

- Only 2/8 bluestem have survived along the ridge, We will continue trying.
- Garden Captains have been asked for help with party cleanup and will be reminded.

New Business

- Do we need to hire a forestry consultant to guide us on the trees on the beach trees. Jane will call Kelly to get suggestions .
- \$240 for 100 feet of snow fence approved. Jim will procure .

Annual Meeting confirmed for July 17 at OLOP

Next meeting is combined committee/BoG Wednesday May 13

Meeting adjourned 8:33