

## **MANASQUAN TOURISM MINUTES**

### **MEETING MARCH 21, 2013**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Summers at 6:20 pm .

Treasurer Barbara Ilaria related that the Tourism members will meet with the 125th Anniversary committee to determine what part of the funds received during the Anniversary will be coming to tourism.

Councilman Mangan reported that the handouts for donations should be ready in two to three weeks.

Councilman Olivera reported that the beach restoration is moving along and will be ready for Memorial Day Opening. The Inlet Comfort Station work has already begun.

Ray Summers related that Doug Paviluk has stated that he will stay at the same price as last year for the Memorial Day Coast Star Insert for 2013. Carmen Triggiano made a motion to go ahead with the Insert - seconded by Barbara Ilaria. Motion Carried unanimously.

Tourism will be holding a Ribbon cutting event celebrating the opening and restoration of our beaches. This event will be held at 4:45 pm at the Inlet followed by a cocktail party at Leggett's. Tourism will charge \$15.00 per person and this will include one drink and a buffet dinner. Leggett's has agreed to charge us only \$10.00 per person - so we will profit \$5.00 for each ticket. Letters will be forwarded to Mayor, Council and other dignitaries and organizations to participate. Jamie Biesiada and Barbara Ilaria will design the tickets. Each member will be given 10 tickets to sell. Barbara will also inquire as to having a local organization apply for a raffle license for us.

The Memorial Day Fireworks are set to go and what size, etc. will be determined by the width of the beach at that time. The fireworks company stated that they are definitely providing a great show.

Wally Wall reported that he is almost complete with the concert schedule for this summer. He also related that the beach will be open weekends beginning Memorial Day Weekend and hopefully opened all week beginning the third or fourth week in June.

The Canoe/Kayak race is moving along. The Fourth of July celebration plans are in the works and we will discuss an honoree at a future meeting. The end of the Summer celebration will include the Antique Car Show. A letter has been sent to the Elks requesting their sponsorship once again for the End of the Summer Celebration. The Sand Castle tournament and Pizza Eating Contest are both on schedule and are in plans according to Chairpersons Jim Coakley and Dominic Bossone.

Penny Hamilton reported that she has begun work on this year's Calendar of Events schedule.

Suggestions regarding advertising on local radio stations, etc. were discussed.

Jamie Biesiada is working diligently on a Tourism Website where we can post our events and any news, etc.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm by chairman Summers.

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