

**Minutes for the May 17, 2018**  
**Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Held at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School, 1776 Main Street, Coventry, CT**

John Petrovits called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. A quorum was established and Board members were introduced. Board of Directors members present were Steve Belanger, Lisa Catanese, Jim Cropley, John Petrovits, Sharon Powers, Ray Shedrick. Also present was Association member Mary Ann Hansen.

- Mary Ann Hansen discussed pending tree work on Avery Shore and offered to work with the Board in identifying problematic trees that may be on Association-owned land.
- Minutes for the May 3, 2018, meeting were approved with no amendments.
- In his President's report, John Petrovits stated that the position of Treasurer remains vacant and that he is sorting through the information passed on from the previous Treasurer.
- There were no significant changes to Association finances since the Tax Collector's report and the Treasurer's report presented at the May 3 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- John Petrovits said there is consensus on the Board that the remaining property on Avery Shores can be turned over to the corresponding owners, provided the Association incurs no costs and the language in the deeds protects the Association's interest regarding maintenance easements.
  - This will be brought to members for a vote in June.
  - Jim Cropley suggested that we made this an open offer going forward so that a vote is not necessary every time a turnover request is made. Board members unanimously agreed to present this suggestion to members as well.
  - John Petrovits noted that a petition for a special Board meeting is circulating to help speed the turnover process; he will inform Board members if and when he receives it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There is a need for secure storage of the Association's paper records. A suggestion was made to use a local self-storage facility; Sharon Powers will call to get prices.
- There is a need for a shed at the beach to store swim ropes, buoys, speed bumps, trash cans, etc., since they should not be kept in members' homes. John Petrovits will get prices from local companies.
- Needed repairs to the catch basins on Avery Shores were discussed.
  - Board members agreed it is appropriate to use capital improvement funds for this work.
  - Jim Cropley suggested a priority list be developed so the worse problems could be addressed first, and said he will approach a contractor who has done similar work for the town of Bolton to get an idea of cost.
  - Board members agreed that we should obtain three estimates for this work. These estimates will be brought before all members for a vote.
- Steve Belanger has offered to replace Ray Shedrick as the beach maintenance person responsible for trash pickup, cutting grass, etc., and the Board unanimously agreed to this. Ray was thanked for his service and Steve for stepping into this position.

- Board members agreed that a website for the Gerald Park Association would be helpful in communicating with Association members. Lisa Catanese has built websites in the past and estimated that the cost of a URL and the hosting service would be less than \$200 a year. The site would contain Board agendas and minutes, news and events, etc. Lisa offered to build and maintain the site at no charge.
- Some trees on Avery Shores that are on Association property may pose a hazard and need to come down. Some Association members have expressed an interest in taking the wood. Jim Copley and Sharon Powers have contacts who do tree work and will approach them for estimates.
- The recent resignation of the Association's Treasurer means that John Petrovits, as President, is the only member who is authorized to sign checks. Board members voted unanimously that Sharon Powers would serve as a second check signer until a new Treasurer is appointed.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 pm. At this meeting, the preparations will be made for the budget vote scheduled for June 21, and there will be a discussion of setting a regular meeting schedule going forward.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.