

Minutes for the February 6, 2020 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 7:10pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Sharon Morel, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland.

Audience of Members: No audience members were present.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 9, 2020, GPA Board meeting was approved with no amendments.

President's Report: John Petrovits reported that the beach wall is holding up well but there is some runoff on each side of it causing rivulets. Several Board members will meet this Sunday, Feb. 9, at 10 am at the beach to put sandbags down to prevent further erosion.

Tax Collector's Report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland presented the current budget. Expenses continue to be on target.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beach & Beautification: Discussed under President's Report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Harvey Barrett will arrange for another fuel delivery at the end of February.

Gerald Park Day: Will be held Saturday, July 11 (rain date Sunday), but a new idea for this event was discussed under Old Business.

Member Involvement Committee: The subcommittee consisting of Linda Blakesley, Raymond Perugini and Dave Sutherland presented a report under Old Business.

Website: Lisa Catanese will continue to maintain the GPA website; the newest section is entitled Lost/Found/Buy/Sell. Any GPA member may contribute to this page.

Welcome to GPA: Linda Comeau will continue to deliver welcome baskets. John Petrovits will ask Laura, the GPA tax collector, to let Linda know of any new residents. Lisa Catanese offered to put together a welcome letter or card to be included in the basket.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brainstorm ideas for increased member involvement: The subcommittee presented a report with six suggestions, all of which the full Board supported. They are:

- Door-to-door canvassing of the neighborhood to spread the word about our events and website; Lisa Catanese will compose the Spring 2020 newsletter to be distributed
- Creating a Facebook group; Dave Sutherland said he would set up and administer this
- A Neighborhood Block Party to replace GPA Day on July 11 with fun activities that may include a bounce house, popcorn machine, race for kids and more

- A movie night at the lake
- Full moon kayaking at the lake
- A winter skate and campfire

Avery Shores Turnover: The Board voted unanimously at 8:10pm to go into executive session to discuss this issue and came out of executive session at 9:22pm. The Board voted unanimously to send a letter and email to Town Council members asking to have the road turnover issue put on as an agenda item at a March meeting of the Town Council. John Petrovits will draft the email.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, at 7pm at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.