

# Minutes for the August 5, 2020 Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting

Held at the Gerald Park Beach, Avery Shores, Coventry, CT

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland.

**Audience of Members:** None.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the July 9, 2020, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

**President's Report:** John Petrovits reported the following:

- Members have appreciated the nice condition of the park, thanks to the efforts of Dave Sutherland.
- The beach continues to be highly utilized.
- There may be as many as four open terms to fill on the GPA Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting next month. Any Association members who would like to serve on the Board are encouraged to come to that meeting and express their interest. No experience is necessary.

**Tax Collector's Report:** None.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Sutherland noted that the first batch of tax payments has been deposited, and expenses remain within the provisions of the budget.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Beach & Beautification:** For many years, trash deposited in the cans at the beach were put into the tipper barrels of Board members, but this is not ideal. Dave Sutherland reported that obtaining a town trash barrel would cost \$244 annually, and we would have to pay that full amount even if we only needed it for part of the year. There is no cost for recycling barrels. Board members agreed that the barrels are necessary but with the swimming season almost over, we should wait until next spring to obtain them. Funds should be available within the Beach Beautification line item in the budget.

**Fuel Oil Cooperative:** On pause for the summer.

**Gerald Park Day:** Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Gerald Park Day is canceled this year.

**Member Involvement Committee:** Two enjoyable GPA activities took place, thanks to the efforts of the committee:

- A movie night at the beach, where Toy Story 4 was shown. Thanks for John Petrovits for supplying the projector and speaker. The committee is looking into the possibility of another fun movie for perhaps an older audience.
- A full moon kayak, where members met at the beach with their kayaks and canoes, and paddled out to watch the sun set and the moon rise.

**Website:** Lisa Catanese said predators have taken the email addresses of Board members from our website and have been spamming them with fraudulent requests for money. She suggested that all personal email addresses be removed from the site and only the general email for our association, [geraldparkcoventry@gmail.com](mailto:geraldparkcoventry@gmail.com), be listed. Board members agreed with this suggestion.

**Welcome to GPA:** Association member Linda Comeau has delivered Welcome Baskets to several new residents.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Planning related to the budget meeting outcome:**

- The road work for the east end of Avery Shores is pending.
- Raymond Perugini put together drawings of kayak racks from other beach associations. Board members discussed if the new rack should be made with wood or with piping, and who would volunteer to help put it together. This issue will be added to the agenda for discussion at the September Annual Meeting.

**Tax questions:** No questions have been asked concerning this year's tax bills.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Airbnbs within our Association.** Our beach rules state that visitors must be accompanied by a member – does this mean that renters are not allowed to use the beach? Board members were asked to consider this; it will be discussed at a future meeting.
- **Carry-in/carry-out versus trash removal at the beach.** Board members felt it was nice to offer a place where trash can be disposed of rather than impose carry-in/carry-out regulations. Placing town trash and recycling barrels was discussed under Committee Reports.
- **GPA member identification.** Board members discussed whether to require kayaks, canoes and paddleboards, and/or cars, to have stickers identifying them as belonging to GPA members, as a way to ensure that the beach is used only by members as per our regulations and stipulations from our insurance provider. Some other area associations do have stickers such as this. Board members were asked to consider this; it will be discussed at a future meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, at 6:30pm at the GPA beach (rain date September 10). The GPA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 6:00pm at the beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.