

Minutes for the January 7, 2021 Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting

Held via Zoom due to COVID-19

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland.

Audience of Members: Six GPA members were present and were welcomed.

Minutes: Minutes from the November 19, 2020, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

President's Report: Linda Blakesley reported that in light of these trying times, she encourages GPA members to take time to engage in self-care activities.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young submitted a report indicating the current tax collection rate has increased to almost 94%.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland shared a report indicating that expenses are on track with what was provided for in the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: Harvey Barrett reported that he discussed this issue with town officials, and a suggestion was made to put this on the agenda for the town's Steering Committee. The committee's next meeting dates are January 25 and February 22. John Petrovits will ask our attorney if he can be present at one of these meetings and will let Linda Blakesley know so she can make the request to the town.

Beach & Beautification: The trap rock seems to be doing a good job with drainage. There is some washout at the beach due to a problem with a town-installed drain. Eric Miller will reach out to the town engineer about this issue.

Member Involvement Committee: The committee will be finalizing a list of events for 2021, which will be promoted on our website and Facebook page.

Environmental: No report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Harvey Barrett reported that more than 30 households now participate, and the recent savings was about 15 cents per gallon.

Website: Eric Miller will add additional events to the Google calendar that he put together, and Lisa Catanese will add a link to it on our website.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell is taking this over and will be obtaining some new products to include in the welcome baskets given to new GPA residents. Lisa Catanese will prepare the informational packets that are included and will deliver them to her.

Bylaws and Park Rules subcommittee: The committee will work on revisions to the park rules first and then the bylaws, since those will be more complicated.

GPA taxes subcommittee: This is on hold until the road turnover issue is settled, due to its potential impact on the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

Road repairs at the east end of Avery Shores: The repairs that were completed in November appear to be holding.

Building of the new kayak rack: John Petrovits reported that a wood rack will be less expensive than a metal one; he will put together a cost estimate. The hope is that we can get enough volunteers to help build the rack before or during this year's spring cleanup at the beach.

Storage shed: Additional funds are needed for this and will be suggested at the spring budget meeting.

Remaining kayak at the beach: The owner has been identified and will be removing the kayak.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree health at the park: Several trees need some pruning. John Petrovits and Linda Blakesley will get estimates to be included in the spring budget proposal.

Drain washout at the beach: Discussed under Committee Reports.

Letter from Town regarding available road funds: The town informed the GPA that we have \$203.70 in available road funds from prior years that we need to use by June, and \$254 from the current year, which can be carried over. Action on this issue is pending.

Format request to add road turnover to Steering Committee agenda: Discussed under Committee Reports.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, February 11, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.