

Minutes for the August 11, 2021
Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting
Held at the GPA Park

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Steve Belanger and Linda Blakesley.

Audience of Members:

- Mary Ann Hansen repeated her concern about a basketball hoop on Avery Shores. Raymond Perugini said he discussed it with the homeowner, who said he had a conversation about it with a town official and was told it may remain as is. She also asked that the GPA board consider a Rubbermaid-type shed and sent some information about one via the GPA email address. In addition, she discussed information from the town concerning the Avery Shores turnover issue.
- John Petrovits reminded those in attendance that according to Robert's Rules of Order, non-board members may speak only during this portion of a meeting (unless they are asked questions from board members during other portions) so that the board can get through each meeting's agenda.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 15, 2021, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

President's Report: Eric Miller, filling in as president in Linda Blakesley's absence, reported on the success of the recent Gerald Park block party. Kelly Sutherland in particular was thanked for arranging the games, which everyone especially enjoyed.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young reported that the current collection rate is 84.69% and said that as usual, she will send reminders out on September 1 to property owners with delinquent accounts.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland reported that the cost to cut down the dead limbs from trees in the park was \$638, which was much less than anticipated, but that the cost of the port-a-potty at the beach has nearly doubled. He said other spending is on track.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: John Petrovits sent to the GPA attorney the minutes from a recent town Steering Committee meeting at which the road turnover was discussed. Board members will await his opinion. To date, the town has not communicated proposal directly to the GPA.

Beach & Beautification: Kelly Sutherland reported that Raymond Perugini and Lisa Lowell volunteered their time to put down soil and grass seed on the entry walkway area to fill in the holes in the pavers. However, the erosion issue still needs to be addressed. She also found a bench that is similar to the metal picnic tables at the park for under \$500, which is the amount that had been budgeted for it. Board members asked Kelly to order the bench and submit the bill for reimbursement.

Member Involvement Committee: Several evening kayaking get-togethers are planned. A movie night also is planned for the end of August but may not be held.

Environmental: The lake received a hydrilla treatment on July 23.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Finished for the season.

Website: Lisa Catanese and Kevin Ryan will meet to discuss whether the website should be migrated to a different hosting service that may allow for a more robust site.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell has a few more baskets to distribute to new neighbors.

Bylaws subcommittee: On hold.

GPA taxes subcommittee: On hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building of new kayak rack: Board members agreed that the best time to build the rack would be around the end of October.

Storage shed: There was some discussion that sheds built by a local high school may not last as long as we'd like. Raymond Perugini said he would look into a Rubbermaid shed, many of which have a limited lifetime warranty. An 8x10 size should be adequate for GPA needs.

Letter from town regarding available road funds: On hold.

Broken pavement on Avery Shores: Linda Blakesley had said last month she would send a letter to the owner of the home under construction to ask that the road damage caused by the work be repaired. A second issue is water runoff from a property owned by someone in an adjacent association. The owner put hay bales down but more needs to be done, since water continues to run across the road. Raymond Perugini will speak with the property owner.

Erosion at the beach: Water flow from the street is causing an erosion problem. Board members agreed that the town needs to get involved since the water is coming from a town-installed pipe. Eric Miller will bring it up with the town.

Speed bumps: The second set of speed bumps will be put out on Avery Shores this weekend; they had been held because new bolts are needed to secure them. John Petrovits offered to purchase the new bolts.

NEW BUSINESS:

September annual meeting agenda: The terms of three board members are expiring: Steve Belanger, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Dave asked that descriptions of board officer duties be shared prior to the election of offices. The board agreed that two items would be on the agenda for this annual meeting: the election of the three board members, and an update on the Avery Shores turnover.

Insurance update: Dave Sutherland reported that all policies are paid up. He also asked our insurance rep about the dead trees on a property adjacent to the GPA park. The rep suggested that another letter be sent to the homeowner asking that the trees be removed, in order to protect the GPA in the event one of those trees damages GPA property or hurts someone if it falls. Kelly Sutherland offered to write the letter and will email it to board members for their review.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be the GPA Annual Meeting, to be held Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00pm (rain date Thursday September 23).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.