

## **Minutes for the June 14, 2023, Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting Held via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Kevin Ryan, Syd Seale, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Teri Norman, Raymond Perugini, and John Petrovits. Also present were GPA members Lisa Lowell, who coordinates the welcome baskets for new residents, and Kelly Sutherland, who coordinates beach beautification.

**Audience of Members:** Lisa Lowell asked if people who failed to pay their taxes should still be allowed to reserve a space on our kayak/canoe/paddleboard rack. This would be an issue for next year, as spaces have already been assigned. Board members also discussed whether these individuals should be permitted to use GPA facilities such as the beach and park. They said this should be considered by the subcommittee that will be revising the bylaws after the Avery Shores turnover is complete.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the May 2, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were approved unanimously. Motion by Eric Miller, second by Dave Sutherland.

**President's Report:** Eric Miller advised GPA members to refer to our website for a listing of upcoming activities.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Laura Young submitted a report showing the tax collection rate is 98.6%. She will work with Dave Sutherland to determine the final mill rate (estimated at about 1.58%) to support the approved 2023-24 budget, which runs from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Sutherland presented a report showing that spending is almost exactly on track for the current budget that ends at the end of this month. He will be putting \$3,500 back into Capital Improvements as per the vote at the special meeting earlier this year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Avery Shores Turnover:** Pam Cropley, filling in for John Petrovits, said there is nothing new to report other than what was shared at the budget meeting on May 31. Discussion of the road turnover issue continued under New Business.

**Beach & Beautification:** No report.

**Member Involvement Committee:** The GPA picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15 (rain date Sunday) at the park. All GPA members are invited to attend this enjoyable annual event at no charge.

**Environmental:** No report.

**Fuel Oil Cooperative:** Finished for the season.

**Website:** No report.

**Welcome to GPA:** Lisa Lowell said she was able to receive some donations for the gift basket given to new GPA residents, which offsets some of the cost of the baskets.

**Bylaws subcommittee:** On hold.

**GPA taxes subcommittee:** On hold.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Plan to-do list for Avery Shores turnover:** We are close to the end of this turnover issue. There are three things pending:

1. The GPA need to address several trees noted by the town. More information is needed on this.
2. The town needs 3-4 parking spaces at the east end of Avery Shores. Again, more information is needed.
3. There are three small sections of road that pass over properties, according to the most recent survey, and those property owners would be asked to give the town easements should work need to be done on the road.

The turnover needs to be approved by the town's Planning and Zoning Committee and then by the Town Council.

Our attorney, Walter Twachtman, is drawing up the three easements and will be writing the language to turn the road over to the town. Board members asked that he be reminded to complete these tasks as soon as possible and gather more details about the trees and parking spaced, since the town has asked that the transaction be complete before the fall elections. Pam Cropley said she would share this with John Petrovits, who has been our point of contact with the attorney.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, at 6pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.