

## **Minutes for the July 10, 2023, Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting Held via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm. A quorum was established. All 9 Board of Directors members present: Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Teri Norman, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, Kevin Ryan, Syd Seale, and Dave Sutherland. Also present were GPA members Lisa Lowell, who coordinates the welcome baskets for new residents, and Laura Young, tax collector.

**Audience of Members:** Teri Norman said she'd like to have a Drum Circle at the beach on Thursday, July 20, from 6 to 9pm. Board members agreed to have this be a board-sanctioned event. It will be promoted on the GPA Facebook page and website. Lisa Catanese will send out an email blast about it on the Monday before the event.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the June 14, 2023 Board of Directors meeting were approved unanimously. Motion by Eric Miller, second by Teri Norman.

**President's Report:** Eric Miller reminded everyone that that summer GPA events are posted on the website.

**Tax Collector's Report:** Laura Young submitted her first report for the 2023-24 budget year showing an almost 9% collection rate after only about 10 days. She said 7 properties are in arrears for last year's taxes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Sutherland submitted the final report for the 2022-23 budget year showing the year ended in the black. Thanks to all GPA residents who paid their taxes on time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Avery Shores Turnover:** Covered under old business.

**Beach & Beautification:** The haybales at the beach need to be replaced. Eric Miller and Teri Norman said they would purchase new ones.

**Member Involvement Committee:** A decision was made not to do a kids movie night because it wouldn't be dark enough until later in the evening, when many children would be in bed. The GPA picnic will be held on Saturday, July 15. All GPA members are invited to attend this enjoyable annual event at no charge. Other planned events include a smores night and full moon kayaking.

**Environmental:** A link to the website of the Coventry Lake Advisory Committee is on GPA website. Lisa Catanese gets weekly emails on e. coli levels, and they continue to be very low at our beach.

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

**Website:** No report.

**Welcome to GPA:** Lisa Lowell said she recently delivered some baskets and has just a couple more to deliver to new GPA neighbors.

**Bylaws subcommittee:** On hold.

**GPA taxes subcommittee:** On hold.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Avery Shores turnover to-do list:** John Petrovits said he talked to the GPA attorney, Walter Twatchman, who is working with the surveyors to develop the easement language for three properties. Board members expressed frustration at how slowly things are moving, considering the town wants to move fast to finalize the turnover. The board knew two months ago that the easements were needed, as well as the actual deed for the road. The owners of the three properties in question have been waiting to hear from him.

Pam Cropley said she would talk with the town public works director to ask about the tree work that the town is requesting and the parking spaces that are needed.

This issue needs to get on the Planning and Zoning Agenda for approval, and then on the Town Council agenda for approval. Board members are worried that timing could be an issue.

John Petrovits said he would share the board's concerns with the attorney and would let the board know about the outcome. He also suggested the board may want to meet with Attorney Twatchman via Zoom to discuss the sense of urgency around this issue.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Plan for Gerald Park Day:** The picnic will be held Saturday, July 15, from noon to 5pm (rain date Sunday). Responsibilities were divided up. Eric Miller will bring a cooler, grill, and table, and will purchase plates, napkins, condiments, buns, chips, and snacks. Raymond Perugini will bring a cooler and will purchase water, soda, and ice. Dave and Kelley Sutherland will be in charge of games. John Petrovits will be away but will provide a table. Kevin Ryan will provide a grill, and he and Eric will be cooking. Pam will purchase 12 veggie burgers, 40 hamburgers, 30 hot dogs, and cheese. Lisa Catanese will send out an email blast and will help with set-up. Board members will also check to see what was left over in the shed from last year that could be used.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, at 6pm via Zoom. The GPA Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, at 6pm at the Coventry High School Lecture Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.