

Minutes for the June 1, 2021
Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting
Held at the GPA Park

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Steve Belanger, Linda Blakesley, and Kevin Ryan.

Audience of Members: Lisa Lowell, who coordinates our Welcome Baskets, and Laura Young, GPA tax collector, also were present. Several board members expressed concern about a lack of timely responses and direction from the GPA president due to her busy work schedule. One option is for the president and vice president to switch roles for a while. Dave Sutherland will follow up on this.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 19, 2021, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

President's Report: None.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young reported no changes since last month.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland reported several expected expenditures since last month. He also said he is looking for a new company to provide the port-a-potty at the beach, in light of poor service from the company we had been using.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: John Petrovits is continuing his work with the GPA attorney regarding this matter.

Beach & Beautification: GPA member Kelly Sutherland will speak at the budget meeting later this month to ask for any volunteers who may be interested in working with her to beautify the beach and park with plantings.

Member Involvement Committee: The first movie night of the year is Friday, June 4, at the beach at dusk, rescheduled from last Friday due to rain. "Tom and Jerry: The Movie" will be shown. The board thanked John Petrovits for supplying the movie screen and projector. Lisa Catanese will email GPA members inviting them to attend.

Environmental: No report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Finished for the season.

Website: Lisa Catanese reported that several companies and attorneys have been emailing to request information that otherwise could be obtained through the Town Hall. Board members agreed that the general response should be to direct them to the town for the information they are looking for.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell reported that she has distributed several baskets and still has more to go. A number of homes have sold recently with the GPA.

Bylaws and Park Rules subcommittee: Lisa Catanese will organize and consolidate the draft of the new rules that were developed by the subcommittee, and will print up copies to be shared with GPA members at the June budget meeting for their approval.

GPA taxes subcommittee: This continues to be on hold for the time being.

OLD BUSINESS:

Storage shed: Members will be informed at the June 23 budget meeting that additional funds are needed, due to the recent increase in the cost of lumber.

Planned landscaping at the beach: Discussed under Beach and Beautification.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed budget items: The board had a lengthy discussion about funding of each budget item to be shared with members at the June 23 budget meeting. The largest increase will be to prune and possibly remove trees at the park. Members will be given a printout of the proposed budget, and John Petrovits has agreed to explain the line items to help guide members' decisions as they vote.

Proposed beach rules: Also at the June 23 meeting, GPA members will be asked to vote on the proposed beach and park rules. A printout of the proposed rules will be available at the meeting.

Postcard mailing: As per our bylaws, postcards must be mailed out to all members at last 10 days before the budget meeting, to inform them about the meeting. Usually this is done by the GPA president. In Linda Blakesley's absence, Laura Young will print the address labels, John Petrovits will print the meeting information on labels for the reverse side, and Pam Cropley will buy the cards at the post office and will adhere the labels.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, July 14, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the GPA park if the weather cooperates; otherwise, via Zoom.

The annual budget meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23, at 6:00pm at the park. All members are urged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.