

Minutes for the July 15, 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 Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland (arrived at 6:30). Absent were Steve Belanger and John Petrovits.

Audience of Members: Several GPA members were present. Mary Ann Hansen said she was concerned about a basketball hoop that is in the street on Avery Shores; Raymond Perugini said he would discuss it with the homeowner. Linda Blakesley, speaking as a GPA member, said that when discussing people who use our beach but don't live within the GPA, she preferred the use of the term trespassers as opposed to saying they don't belong here.

Minutes: Minutes from the June 1, 2021, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

President's Report: Linda Blakesley reported that our current insurance policy has been paid and is in place.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young reported that the tax bills were recently sent out and 21% of residents have already paid their bills.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland reported that several accounts will come in over budget. We had neglected to include in the budget the tipping fee for the new town trash barrel, which is \$215. In addition, the price for the portable toilet rental had increased by about \$400. Funds will need to be taken from related budget items, such as beach repairs or beautification/improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: Minutes from a recent town Steering Committee meeting at which the road turnover was discussed will be forwarded to John Petrovits so he could send it to our attorney for consideration and advice.

Beach & Beautification: No report.

Member Involvement Committee: Plans were discussed for the GPA Block Party, to be held Saturday, July 24 (rain date Sunday) from noon to 5pm. Raymond Perugini compiled a list of items that various board members will be supplying. Linda Blakesley said she would put up signs at the tops of the three roads leading to the lake from South Road to advertise the event. Lisa Catanese will send an email to the membership inviting them to attend this free event.

Environmental: The first hydrilla treatment of the year will be on Friday, July 23.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Finished for the season.

Website: No report.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell will be distributing baskets to several new neighbors.

Bylaws subcommittee: On hold.

GPA taxes subcommittee: On hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building of new kayak rack: The rack was funded by GPA members at the budget meeting last month. The plan is to build it in the fall, in the hope that lumber costs will come down a bit.

Storage shed: Another \$1,000 was added by GPA members to the budget for the shed, so the total amount available is now \$2,000. A GPA member had mentioned to Linda Blakesley that a local high school might have a program in which students would build the shed and the GPA would just pay for materials. Linda will ask the member to collect more details.

Letter from town regarding available road funds: On hold.

Tree health in the park: Mansfield Tree Service quoted \$600 to remove the dead limbs from the large oak tree. Linda Blakesley will contact them with the go-ahead to have the work done. Mary Ann Hansen said she discussed the two dead trees on an adjacent property with the homeowner, and the homeowner is looking into the issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drain washout at the beach: Raymond Perugini and Eric Miller will snake out a drainpipe where water causing the erosion is coming from, and the pipe will be adjusted if possible.

Board communications discussion: Linda Blakesley said she will be checking email related to GPA business on Mondays and Thursdays. Lisa Catanese expressed her concern about the tone of recent email communications from the GPA president to board members. Board members agreed to keep in mind that we are all volunteers working for the good of our neighborhood and to allow plenty of time for everyone to answer email inquiries.

September meeting agenda: As in past years, the board will set this agenda at its August meeting.

Ditch at the end of Avery Shores: The water issues are due in part to two things. First, trucks working on a new house under construction have caused some damage to the road. Second, runoff from a property across the street is contributing to the water problem, although the property owner did put down some hay bales. Board members agreed that Linda Blakesley should send a letter to the owner of the home under construction, asking that the road damage be fixed. Raymond Perugini said he would discuss the runoff issue with the other homeowner.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Wednesday, August 11, from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the GPA park if the weather cooperates; otherwise, via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.