

Minutes for the November 10, 2021, Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting Held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, John Petrovits, Syd Seale, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Raymond Perugini and Kevin Ryan.

Audience of Members: Audience members were invited to speak for up to three minutes each. One GPA member spoke on various issues. The Board did not take any actions for the Association, and no votes were taken.

Minutes: Minutes from the September 22, 2021, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

President's Report: Eric Miller reported that:

- A few canoes and kayaks are still at the beach and must be removed.
- The fall beach cleanup is set for Saturday, Nov. 20, at 9:30am (rain date Sunday)
- Condolences to GPA tax collector Laura Young and GPA member Sharon Powers on the recent losses of family members.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young submitted a report showing a collection rate of 95.45%, with \$3,492 in delinquent taxes and fees.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland reported that current spending is on track with our budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: John Petrovits reported that the town has been served with the writ of mandamus (an order from a court to a government official ordering the government official to properly fulfill their official duties). A letter will be going out to all GPA members to inform them of this.

Beach & Beautification: Kelly Sutherland reported that the new bench will be installed during the fall cleanup day on Nov. 20. Jim Cropley was kind enough to put down hay bales to help keep the erosion from rain under control. The new kayak rack will be built in the spring so that it doesn't sit unused through the winter months.

Member Involvement Committee: Linda Blakesley reported that the committee will be meeting to plan events for the spring and summer months.

Environmental: No report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: The first oil delivery has been made. Anyone wanting to be included in these bulk purchases going forward can send an email to geraldparkcoventry@gmail.com and it will be forwarded to Ben Emanuele, who is coordinating this effort.

Website: Lisa Catanese had nothing to report.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell is again coordinating this; Lisa Catanese reported that she printed off several more copies of the welcome letter, beach and park rules, and bylaws to be included in the baskets.

Bylaws subcommittee: On hold.

GPA taxes subcommittee: On hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Beach cleanup: All GPA members are asked to help out even for just an hour or two on Saturday, Nov. 20, at 9:30am; rain date Sunday.

Letter regarding trees next to the GPA park: Kelly Sutherland drafted this letter months ago but it was never sent; Pam Cropley offered to get the letter from Kelley and mail it.

Letter regarding runoff on Avery Shores that's causing road damage: Raymond Perugini had volunteered to speak with the property owners; Eric Miller will follow up with him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance premiums status: Linda Blakesley has not heard back from our insurance agent. She said she would follow up again to see if that additional amount could be reduced, in light of having fewer households than what their audit found. If they agree to a lesser amount, they would refund our overpayment.

Update on wetlands permit for beach: Pam Cropley was thanked for her efforts in getting our permit extended for 5 more years to pull sand from the lake back onto the beach. The town is in favor of this in order to keep the lake as healthy as possible.

Looking into portable toilets with urinals for next beach season: Dave Sutherland said he would ask about this, but it's possible that the handicapped-accessible toilet that we have been getting does not have an option for a urinal.

Discussion of ethics policy for the Board of Directors: Dave Sutherland looked up examples of ethic rules from other boards and will share them with the GPA Board to see if any can be adopted for our purposes.

Graffiti at the beach: One or two of the picnic tables have been drawn on with what seems to be permanent marker; in one case, some inappropriate words were written. The tables can be sanded and stained to remove it, or WD40 could be used to remove the marker. Eric Miller and John Petrovits said they would try those options, or maybe it can be addressed during the beach cleanup. Linda Blakesley suggested that we may want to consider having a graffiti table to allow decorative street art.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 6pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.