

Minutes for the February 11, 2021 Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting

Held via Zoom due to COVID-19

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Steve Belanger and Kevin Ryan.

Audience of Members: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the January 7, 2021, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no changes.

President's Report: Linda Blakesley reported that:

- She emailed the chair of the town Steering Committee to ask for our association to be put onto their Feb. 22 agenda to discuss the Avery Shores turnover issue. She had not heard back yet and will follow up via phone.
- She will ask Steve Belanger, who has been unable to attend a number of Board meetings, if he is able to attend going forward or if he is planning to step down prior to the end of his term this fall.

Tax Collector's Report: No change since last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland reported that there were no significant changes in checks or deposits since last meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: As noted in the President's Report, we are waiting to hear back from the town's Steering Committee.

Beach & Beautification: Eric Miller got in touch with the town engineer about the washout at the beach due to a problem with a town-installed drain. Town crews put some traprock down; Eric will call to ask if this is a temporary fix or if the town considers it a permanent fix. Also, the newly installed curb was hit by a plow; the association will put up orange sticks to help guide plows in the future.

Member Involvement Committee: No new activities have been formally planned, although several are being considered and will be promoted on our website and Facebook page.

Environmental: No report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Harvey Barrett organizes this group fuel oil purchase. More than 30 families now participate. The most recent price he negotiated was \$1.99⁹, which is considerably below market prices.

Website: Eric Miller will send the Google calendar to Lisa Catanese so she can add a link to it on our website.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell is in contact with Laura Young, our tax collector, to be informed when new residents move to our lake association so she can deliver a Welcome Basket to them.

Bylaws and Park Rules subcommittee: No update; the subcommittee's next meeting is Feb. 18.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Building of the new kayak rack: John Petrovits put together a price list for the wood and materials. The estimated cost is \$800; only \$500 had been budgeted for this, but the cost of wood has virtually doubled during the COVID pandemic. The new rack will hold 24 kayaks/canoes/paddleboards. There was discussion about making it smaller or repurposing the wood from one of the existing racks. But Board members thought that would be short-sighted since more people who are moving to the GPA are utilizing the racks and we likely will need all of those space. In the end, Board members agreed that we should proceed with the purchase of the materials for these reasons: (1) we have been very fiscally responsible and therefore have the additional \$300 in our checking account, and (2) GPA members at our budget meeting voted to have this new rack, so we are reflecting the will of our members. The goal is to get volunteers to put it together in early spring.

Storage shed: Members had voted to set aside \$1,000 for this shed at the last budget meeting. The total cost is thought to be around \$2,500; adding additional funds will be suggested at the spring budget meeting.

Letter from Town regarding available road funds: This is on hold for now.

Format request to add road turnover to Steering Committee agenda: Discussed under President's Report.

Tree health at the park: This will be addressed in early spring.

Drain washout at the beach: Discussed under Beach/Beautification.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, March 11, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.