

Minutes for the October 29, 2024, Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting Held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Lisa Lowell, Eric Miller, Darby Pollansky, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Absent were Teri Norman and Raymond Perugini.

Audience of Members: GPA member Bob Burrington spoke about a dog in the neighborhood that barks very frequently. He said he and others have dogs that bark occasionally, but this dog's barking is persistent and, because it is a big dog, is very loud. He and others have discussed the problem with the owner without success, and have approached animal control officer, John Chapman, and are awaiting his response. Lisa Catanese, who also hears the dog barking, said she would reach out to John Chapman as well to ask what can be done.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 7, 2024, Board of Directors meeting and from the September 30, 2024, Annual Meeting were presented. The Board initially believed that minutes from full Association meetings need to be approved at the next full Association meeting, but upon closer examination of Robert's Rules, they found this is not the case. The next full Association meeting is not planned until June 2025, so the minutes would have to remain unapproved until then, and it's doubtful that those present would remember what had transpired. Eric Miller moved to approve both minutes, seconded by Dave Sutherland, and both minutes were unanimously approved.

President's Report: Eric Miller said kayaks, canoes, and paddleboards must be removed from the racks at our Association beach by Friday, Nov. 1. He also said that at least one Association member has approached crews working at the east end of Avery Shores as per our agreement with the town, and the company has reached out to Eric more than once to complain that these interruptions are interfering with their work. Darby Pollansky asked that these meeting minutes reflect the fact that if further interruptions lead to an increased cost for the work, that the Association members causing the interruptions will be responsible for paying that increased cost.

Tax Collector's Report: No report beyond what was shared at the September 30 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland submitted a report showing that the attorney representing the GPA in the Avery Shores turnover issue is paid to date, and that funds are available in the current GPA budget to cover the associated costs, which include the tree removal work and the improvements at the east end of the road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Eric Miller suggested skipping this portion of the meeting, since there was nothing new to report. Lisa Lowell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The Board set a date for the fall beach cleanup, which will be on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10am to noon.

OLD BUSINESS:

Avery Shores turnover update: Eric Miller said the trees marked by the town have been removed, and that construction at the east end to create a turnaround and fix drainage issues should be completed by Friday, Nov. 1. After that, the only item left is the signing of the deed to turn over the road, since the paving of Chase Avenue is not required to happen prior to the deed signing. Eric said a newly installed telephone pole at the east end was initially thought to create a problem, but Town Engineer Todd Penney approved a work-around. Eric also said that the GPA is getting additional quotes to pave Chase Avenue. Once the road is turned over, Avery Shores is one of the top streets to be paved by the town, hopefully in the spring.

Sales tax update: The GPA now has in writing that we are exempt from paying sales tax. Darby Pollansky suggested that several GPA members retain copies of this and other important documents. Unfortunately, in the

past, documents such as this were not passed from certain Association presidents to the next and appear to be lost. Darby said that by keeping a binder or fireproof box, we can help ensure that this doesn't happen again.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 6pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Catanese, Board Secretary