

Minutes for the October 26, 2022, Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting Held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Eric Miller, Teri Norman, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, Syd Seale, and Dave Sutherland. Kevin Ryan joined at 6:29. Also present was Laura Young, the GPA tax collector, and GPA member Barbara W.

Audience of Members: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 10, 2022, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved unanimously. Motion by Eric Miller, second by Raymond Perugini.

President's Report: Eric Miller reported that all kayaks, canoes, and paddleboard must be removed from the racks at the beach by Nov 1. Lisa Catanese said she would send out an email reminder.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young reported 91.77% collection rate.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland said spending is on track, with some small savings in certain areas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: John Petrovits reported that he and the GPA attorney attended a pretrial conference on Sept. 28 with the town attorney, town manager, and a mediator. Both sides briefly reviewed their case, and the mediator suggested a 90-day extension to see if both sides could work out the issue. John Petrovits and the town manager were asked to step outside. When they returned, the 90-day extension option had been chosen. GPA Board members, along with John, expressed their dissatisfaction with the extension, but it's now out of our hands. Another meeting will be held on Dec. 5 to see if an agreement could be reached.

Beach & Beautification: The fall cleanup at the beach and park will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, starting at 9:30am (rain date Sunday). As always, all GPA members are encouraged to pitch in to help with the cleanup.

Member Involvement Committee: Paused for the winter. The committee will meet again in April to plan new events.

Environmental: A new algae bloom has appeared in certain areas, but that is not unexpected. An email went out to lakefront owners encouraging them to report algae if they see it.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Thank you to Ben Emanuele, who coordinates this program. Residents who participate received their first delivery recently at a reduced cost.

Website: Lisa Catanese reported that a new "Services" page was added to the GPA website, with the names and contact information of people who provide various services in our neighborhood such as plumbing, painting, carpentry, landscaping, yard cleanup, electrical, babysitting, pet care, and more.

Welcome to GPA: Lisa Lowell send "Welcome" gift cards to people who recently bought property within the GPA.

Bylaws subcommittee: On hold.

GPA taxes subcommittee: On hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Repairs at the beach: The hay bales have been controlling water runoff. Jim Cropley will look into replacing the old bales with new ones that should last through the winter. The repairs funded in this year's budget will be done in April.

Update on extension of insurance payment deadline: The Board had asked if it's possible for the start date of our insurance policy to be moved to one month later, so that the funds can be accounted for properly in the budget. The insurance company said they cannot change the policy start date, as it would mean writing a whole new policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of 6 Avery Shores: Barbara W said she had asked for GPA-owned property abutting her property to be turned over to her, as was done twice in the past decade for other property owners. Because the property lines in her case were not fully known, she was told she had to pay for a survey. However, in the time since her request, the properties on either side of her had surveys done, so those might be able to be used. Board members agreed she could contact the attorney who wrote out the property turnover deeds in the past to see if those surveys are enough to establish boundaries. If so, the association would turn the property over to her.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, at 6pm via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.