

Minutes for the June 5, 2018

Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting

Held at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School, 1776 Main Street, Coventry, CT

John Petrovits called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Harvey Barrett, Steve Belanger, Lisa Catanese, Jim Cropley, Sharon Morel, John Petrovits, Sharon Powers, Ray Shedrick. No Association members were present.

- Minutes from the May 17, 2018, meeting were approved with no amendments.
- John Petrovits stated that the position of Treasurer remains vacant and he will continue to assume that role until the position is filled. All accounts are up to date and in good shape.
- There were no significant changes to Association finances since the Tax Collector's report and the Treasurer's report that were presented at the May 3 meeting.
- Sharon Powers has been added to the Association's bank accounts and can sign checks if the Association president is not available.
- Past president Jerry Dallas, as well as the 8-10 people who helped on beach clean-up day in May, will be acknowledged and thanked for their efforts at the June budget meeting.
- Sharon Powers, Environmental Committee, reported that Eric Trott is taking over hydrilla management for the lake. Last year's treatment was not effective, and a new management plan is needed to prevent further spread. Several courses of actions were discussed:
 - Residents could contact Eric Trott to express concern over the hydrilla, and Mark Kiefer to express concern over the low lake level, which is believed to be contributing to the issue.
 - Harvey Barrett suggested as many people as possible should attend the June 18 Town Council meeting – or write a letter if unable to attend. He also will contact Lorraine Burokas to ask if she could share this with residents on her email list.
 - Sharon Powers will attempt to contact other lake associations as well.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The turnover of remaining property bordering Avery Shores Drive, provided that the Association incurs no costs and the language in the deeds protects our interests regarding maintenance easements, will be discussed at the June budget meeting.
- We are awaiting a response from the property owners whose trees may pose a hazard to the Association beach. We also have received a request from an Association member who has a failing tree on Association property that may be threatening her house. Harvey Barrett and John Petrovits will reach out to licensed individuals who perform tree removal.
- Regarding the storage of paper records, John Petrovits obtained quotes ranging from \$37-\$84 per month for a small storage unit. Board members felt that was too expensive and agreed to ask at the June budget meeting for volunteers to help go through the records to determine which can be

discarded and which must be retained per Freedom of Information rules. The Board will then look into making electronic copies of the retained records to eliminate the need for paper storage.

- Regarding a storage shed at the beach for swim ropes, signs, buoys, trash cans, speed bumps, etc., John Petrovits obtained quotes for an 8x8 shed and ramp for about \$2,000. The cost of the crushed stone pads would be about \$500, but Jim Cropley said he could do the work for just the cost of the stone, which would be about \$100. Board members agreed to include the cost for a shed, including electricity to light the inside and to provide power for the beach, in the June budget proposal.
- Regarding needed repairs to Avery Shores Drive, Jim Cropley has someone interested in quoting the project who will be available in the fall.
- A website for the Gerald Park Association has been established at no cost to the Association. The URL is www.GeraldParkCoventry.com.
- The removal of several failing trees on Association-owned property, and cutting it into 4' to 8' lengths for individuals to take, will cost about \$1840. These funds will be included in the June budget proposal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Some residents have asked about having a canoe rack at the beach. The current rack is good for kayaks but too small for canoes. The cost to build one is expected to be less than \$100; residents will be asked at the June budget meeting if they would like to volunteer to do this.
- Electricity at the beach was discussed as part of the shed proposal under Old Business. John Petrovits will obtain information on cost.
- John Petrovits will look in to the cost of a town trash bin at the beach; currently Steve Belanger is bringing beach trash home and disposing of it in his own trash bin.
- Because Board Secretary Lisa Catanese will be out of town for the June budget meeting, Sharon Morel and Sharon Powers will take the minutes for that meeting.
- A budget proposal for 2018-2019 was finalized. Some line items were increased and some added. A full discussion of the proposal will be presented to Association members at the June budget meeting, which will be held on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 7 pm at Coventry High School.
- As part of the ongoing discussion of turning over Avery Shores Drive to the Town of Coventry, Sharon Morel said a resident expressed interest in taking up this endeavor. Board members appreciate this offer and asked Sharon Morel to reach out to the resident to proceed.
- Gerald Park Day will be held on Saturday, August 11 (rain date August 12) at the beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on July 12 at 7 pm; location TBD.