

Minutes for the May 6, 2026, GPA Board of Director Meeting

Minutes recorded by board secretary Lisa Catanese

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Jim Cropley, Lisa Lowell, Eric Miller, Raymond Perugini, Bill Piotroski, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Absent was Darby Pollansky. Also present was Laura Young, GPA tax collector, and GPA member Paul Guardino.

Audience of Members: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 11, 2026, Board meeting were approved. Motion by Eric Miller, second by Raymond Perugini, unanimously approved.

President's Report: Eric Miller informed the Board that he has sold his house and will be moving out of the Gerald Park Association. Board members expressed sincere thanks for his service to the neighborhood and wished him well. His last day as GPA president will be May 22.

Board members also expressed heartfelt condolences to Board member Darby Pollansky on the sudden loss of her husband.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young submitted a report showing that only \$57 is owed from newly delinquent taxpayers this year. Another \$6,000 is owed from habitually delinquent taxpayers. Laura has placed 7 liens on properties, down from 12 last year.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lowell shared a report showing that projected spending is under budget, and the GPA has a large balance in the checking account. She also said she would go to the bank with the temporary GPA president to switch over the second co-signer on the GPA accounts, in light of Eric's departure.

Committee Reports:

- **Beach/Beautification:** No report.
- **Member Involvement:** Raymond Perugini reported several planned events. Details are on the website.
 - A Smores Night will be held at the beach on June 27 to coincide with the town fireworks.
 - Full moon kayaking is planned for June 29, July 29, Aug 28, & Sept 26.
 - Gerald Park Day will be held on Saturday, July 18 (rain date Sunday July 19) from noon to 4pm.
 - The spring beach cleanup will be held on Thursday, May 14, at 5pm. Swim ropes will be put in.
- **Environmental:** No report.
- **Fuel Oil Cooperative:** Finished for the year; to be discussed again next fall.
- **Paper Roads:** No report.
- **Website:** No report.
- **Welcome to GPA:** No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Addressing error on the Town's Grand List from October 2024:** The error shows that the Town of Coventry owns the GPA beach and park, when in fact it is the Association that owns it. Laura Young continues to reach out to the Town to have this error corrected, but the Tax Assessor position with the Town is still vacant and the person who is there temporarily cannot correct it. Bill Piotroski repeated his request that we keep all correspondence related to this effort in order to prove GPA ownership.

- **Possibility of a new sign for the GPA beach and park:** Jim Crolley rebuilt the sign and relocated it to a more central area. Board members said the new sign looks great and thanked Jim for the work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Replacing GPA president who is moving out the Association:** Jim Crolley offered to take over as temporary GPA president until the next Board elections in September. Bill Piotroski made a motion to accept Jim's offer, effective May 22. Motion seconded by Eric Miller, unanimously approved. The Board also voted unanimously for Eric Miller to reach out to Jackie Roy, who had expressed an interest in serving on the Board, to see if she would be interested in filling out his term, which expires this September.
- **Question about property line on the west side of the GPA park:** Paul Guardino told the Board he intends to rebuild his house adjacent to the GPA park. The town needs an A2 survey as part of the permit process that shows an agreed-upon property line between his property and GPA property, where a fence is located. Bill Piotroski made a motion that the chain-link fence, plus or minus 6 inches, be shown as the property line, with Paul maintaining ownership and maintenance of the fence. Jim Crolley seconded the motion, unanimously approved. Paul said he would send a document to Eric Miller to sign prior to Eric's departure on May 22.
- **Planning the proposed budget for 2026-27:** Lisa Lowell presented estimates for spending for next year, based on this year's expenses. Board members suggested small increases in beach repairs, beach beautification, and mowing/garbage removal, as well as an increase in tax collector payments in light of the many extra hours spent by Laura Young. Because of the large balance in the GPA checking account, Board members suggested moving \$5,000 into the Capital Improvements budget (in anticipation of one day needing to improve the road drainage system) and increasing the Emergency Funds line item from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The next GPA meeting will be the Annual Budget Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, at 6pm at Coventry High School. All GPA property owners are encouraged to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.