

Minutes for the October 18, 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 7:07 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.

Audience of Members: Association member Mary Ann Hansen, heading the Avery Shores turnover committee, was present.

Minutes: Minutes from the August 16, 2018, board meeting were approved with no amendments. Minutes from the September 20 Annual Meeting will be presented for a full vote of members at the June 2019 budget meeting.

President's Report:

- John Petrovits said Shamrock Tree Service completed the tree removal work and all wood has been taken. The work was budgeted at \$2000 but actually cost \$2500 because additional trees were found to be failing and needed to come down as well. He will pursue trying to get part of the cost back from the town as per the road expenses agreement.

Tax Collector's Report and Treasurer's Report: Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover:

- Mary Ann Hansen said talks are continuing with the town, although some town officials are not sure about the terms. One issue is that the town would obtain the paved portion of Avery Shores plus 5 feet on either side for maintenance, but in some cases, the paved portion of the road goes right up to property lines.
- Harvey Barrett said the town received some grant money for road repair, and it's possible the GPA could benefit from that for town-owned roads within our Association. He also pointed out that the Association is supposed to be reimbursed by the town for two-thirds of our road expenditures but that has not been the case as of late.

Beach:

- A fall cleanup day was set for Saturday, Nov. 17, at 10 am. GPA members will be asked to sign up by Nov. 10 if they can help out. If not enough people sign up, a company will be hired to do it. Funds have been allocated for this but the money can be saved if enough people volunteer.
- Jim Cropley said he would have new signs made up to advertise Beach Cleanup days and also Gerald Park Day. Lisa Catanese will create PDFs the Jim could take to the printer.
- The swim ropes have been removed and put under a tarp along with the trash cans. The buoys are with an Association member who has offered to repair them.

Beautification: The pressing need is to add new beams at the beach area to stop the sand from washing away, since the current beams have settled. There also was a concern about adding new

asphalt in the parking area, since town trucks drive over it and can crack it. John Petrovits will reach out to Anthony Skut to discuss options.

Environmental: Nothing new to report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: Harvey Barrett said the first round of deliveries went out and residents were happy with the price.

Gerald Park Day: Nothing new to report.

Newsletter: Lisa Catanese will create a newsletter to go out in the spring that highlights the website and invites members to sign up to be on a GPA email list. The newsletter will include an offer to continue to send printed versions to those without internet access.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The tree work was discussed in the President's Report.
- Nine residents expressed interest in obtaining the Association-owned land on Avery Shores that abuts their properties. John Petrovits will meet with Manchester Attorney Steve Penney to discuss preparation of the deeds.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Regarding our current insurance, we currently have coverage that is paid in full for liability, directors, and bond insurance, but the insurance company's bookkeeping seems problematic. John Petrovits will request a refund of any credit balance and will look into other insurance carriers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019, at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.