

Minutes for the June 3, 2020 Gerald Park Association Board of Directors Meeting

Held at the Gerald Park Beach, Avery Shores, Coventry, CT

John Petrovits called the meeting to order at 6:39pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley (joined by phone), Sharon Morel, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland. Also present was Laura Young, GPA's tax collector.

Audience of Members:

- Board member Linda Blakesley stated that in light of current events, she stands in solidarity with people of all backgrounds. Board members supported this statement.
- An audience member asked if the port-a-potty will be installed at the beach now that some COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. Board members agreed it was OK to have it delivered provided it was equipped with hand sanitizer and cleaned once a week. John Petrovits said he would order it.

Minutes: Minutes from the May 7, 2020, GPA Board of Directors meeting were approved with no amendments.

President's Report:

- All of the kayak spaces are filled, and some GPA members could not get a space. Discussion ensued about a third kayak rack; the material would not cost much, but volunteers would be needed to put it together. Board members may bring this up to members to gauge interest.
- Old boards from the beach improvement project will be used as a border between the sand and the grass. Dave Sutherland said he would take the lead on doing this; other Board members said they would help.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young reported a 97.27% collection rate. She submitted language from the State regarding tax deferment in light of COVID-19, which gives an additional three months' grace period to pay taxes without penalty. This notice must be sent separate from the tax bills, which go out July 1. Board members discussed using this notice to convey other important information as well, such as a request for email addresses to help with communications, informing members about our website and Facebook page, and providing a copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget ahead of time. John Petrovits will put together this notice and will send it to Board members for feedback. Board members volunteered to help with folding and stuffing the envelopes.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Sutherland shared the current budget statement showing nearly all line items for the current year are either at or under budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beach & Beautification:

- Jim Cropley, who had performed the beach improvement work last year, has removed the leftover bricks and will complete the remaining work as his schedule allows.
- The Board thanked Dave Sutherland for spreading out the swim ropes.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: On pause for the summer.

Gerald Park Day: Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, Gerald Park Day is canceled this year.

Member Involvement Committee: Most planned activities cannot happen due to COVID-19, but there is a possibility of showing an evening movie at the beach while observing social distancing. The committee will meet to discuss this further.

Website: Lisa Catanese posted the Spring 2020 GPA newsletter on the website as well as photos provided by Linda Blakesley of the May beach cleanup.

Welcome to GPA: Linda Comeau will deliver gift baskets to several new families have recently moved to our lake community.

OLD BUSINESS:

Finalizing the 2020-2021 budget:

- A proposed budget showing no increase for the upcoming year was reviewed by Board members.
- Dave Sutherland noted that insurance costs are going up so that line item will be about \$1,000 higher in next year's budget. However, line items for Gerald Park Day and our fireworks donation will be at zero since those events are canceled, and this can balance out that additional expense.
- The asphalt at the east end of Avery Shores needs patching. Funds are available in this year's budget for this work.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Spring Budget Meeting: The annual budget meeting will be held on June 24 at 7 pm at the GPA beach (rain date June 25).

Next Board meeting: The next Board of Directors meeting will held on Thursday, July 9, at 6:30pm at the GPA beach.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.