

Minutes for the March 3, 2020 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 7:05pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Steve Belanger, Linda Blakesley, Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Sharon Morel, Raymond Perugini, John Petrovits, and Dave Sutherland.

Audience of Members: No audience members were present.

Minutes: Minutes from the February 6, 2020, GPA Board meeting was approved with no amendments.

President's Report: John Petrovits reported that he and Linda Blakesley tried to block some of the erosion alongside the beach wall with some of the concrete grates and it seems to be holding, but the erosion issue will need to be addressed in the spring.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young, the GPA tax collector, reported a 92.76% collection rate. Board members discussed the problem of habitually delinquent accounts. John Petrovits will ask Laura for the names of these delinquent accounts to help determine next steps.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing new to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beach & Beautification: Discussed under President's Report.

Fuel Oil Cooperative: The most recent fuel oil delivery organized by Harvey Barrett was under \$2 a gallon. Board members expressed their appreciation to Harvey for organizing this money-saving initiative.

Gerald Park Day: Will be held Saturday, July 11 (rain date Sunday) from noon to 4pm, but a new name and idea for this event was discussed by the Member Involvement Committee.

Member Involvement Committee: The subcommittee consisting of Linda Blakesley, Raymond Perugini and Dave Sutherland reported that:

- A new Facebook page has been created.
- Canvassing the neighborhood with the Spring 2020 GPA newsletter will occur on Saturday, April 4; those volunteering to canvass should meet at Dave Sutherland's home at 9:30am
- Gerald Park Day will be renamed the GPA Block Party and will feature family-friendly events that will be included on the new Facebook page
- Other upcoming events will include movie nights at the beach on the last Fridays in June (the 26th) and July (the 31st).

Website: Nothing new to report.

Welcome to GPA: Linda Comeau has the information she needs to distribute the welcome baskets to new residents, including new "welcome" cards and a copy of the GPA bylaws and beach rules.

OLD BUSINESS:

Avery Shores turnover update: The Board voted unanimously at 7:35pm to go into executive session to discuss this issue and came out of executive session at 8:05pm. John Petrovits has asked to be put on the agenda for the April 20 Town Council meeting and is waiting to hear back for confirmation.

Brainstorm ideas for increased member involvement: Discussed under Committee Reports.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next meeting: The next Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the Town Council meeting at which the GPA will be on the agenda. John Petrovits will email the Board once that Town Council date is determined to schedule the Board meeting. The date will be posted on geraldparkcoventry.com, and the meeting will be held at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.