

Minutes for the May 9, 2019

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 7:03pm. A quorum was established. Board of Directors members present were Steve Belanger, Jim Cropley, Sharon Morel, John Petrovits, Dave Sutherland, Ray Shedrick and Sharon Powers.

Audience of Members: Community member present was Mary Ann Hansen.

Minutes: Minutes from the March 21, 2019, Board meeting were approved with no amendments.

President's Report: John Petrovits suggested that Board members think about the upcoming budget proposal and the critical work that needs to be considered in the 2019-2020 budget. John asked for ideas on how we to get association members involved ahead of the meeting. Safety and maintenance items can no longer be delayed.

Budget items for consideration:

- Increasing the budget for road repairs has not been provided for over the past several years while negotiations took place with the town to turn over Avery Shores. The road is not close to being turned over and costly repairs are now needed whether the road is turned over or not.
- Significant tree work requiring a crane is need at the east end of Avery Shores. There is an enormous, dangerous tree believed to be on association property that needs attention as soon as possible. A second tree also in bad shape will need to be removed for access according to Chris from Shamrock Tree Service. These trees went undetected due to their location for many years, now that we are aware of them, we need to act as soon as possible for safety reasons. Shamrock Tree Service has provided a ballpark estimate, a detailed estimate will be requested next week. A second company will be contacted next week for an estimate. Mary Ann Hansen agreed to review property lines to ensure the tree is the responsibility of the GPA.
- Beach erosion and maintenance; a cost-effective plan for a permanent solution to the erosion issue will be proposed at the budget meeting. The entry way trip hazard will also be addressed in this plan.

Tax Collector's Report: No report. No significant change other than tax deposits in the amount \$284.00.

Treasurer's Report: No significant changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Avery Shores Turnover: John Petrovits met with attorney Walter Twachtman who will represent the GPA and meet with the town to discuss road ownership. John Petrovits met with Scott Gallo who is storing boxes of GPA documents to go through them. Most of those documents were financial records. John will contact attorney Twachtman to find out when he expects to meet with the town's attorney.

Mary Ann Hansen commented that the town will looking for funds to perform the road seal.

Beach: Steve Belanger will continue to mow and maintain the park at the same rate as last year. He mentioned that the beams and the sand are washing out and need to be repaired. Jim Cropley has a plan in mind that will decrease park maintenance, address the tripping hazard and utilize existing materials to keep the cost as low as possible for a permanent solution. He will submit his plans and provide an estimate for the budget meeting.

Kayak racks; even with the addition of the new rack we had more requests spaces. Thirteen requests were received via US Postal Service dated on or after May first for twelve spaces. The slots are assigned on first come basis but the twist this year is that some families requested two spaces. John asked the board to weigh in on how to assign. It was discussed and decided that one slot per family would be assigned first. If it turns out that there are more spaces than requests, a second slot may be assigned to one family prioritizing by the post mark on the request. The wooden rack may accommodate a kayak and paddle board, John will measure to be sure then he will assign spaces from the requests he received and notify members.

One of the two vessels that appeared to be abandoned has been claimed.

Welcome Committee: no new movement.

Gerald Park Day: To be held noon to 4 pm on July 20; rain date is July 21.

Website/Newsletter: Lisa Catanese was not in attendance. Board members confirmed receipt of the Spring 2019 newsletter which was the final mass mailing. Comments were made on the excellent job Lisa is doing to make information available on the web site avoiding printing and mailing costs in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: • Property turnover update: John reported that 8 have accepted the offer and expects 1-2 more deed will be completed today. • Attorney Twachtman update: Covered under Avery Shores turnover discussion. • Hazardous tree inquiry: Chris from Shamrock feels the whole tree should be removed. Since a crane will be required it wouldn't make sense to go to that expense to remove one limb when the whole tree is in such bad shape. Emergency Funds will not cover the cost based on the ballpark figure of \$6,500 to 10,00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Set Dates:

- Budget meeting date is June 20 at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.
- The fall Annual Meeting date was changed from September 19 to September 26th at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, June 6th, at 7pm at the Library Media Room at Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School.