

Minutes for the August 20, 2025, GPA Board of Director Meeting

Minutes taken by board secretary Lisa Catanese

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Raymond Perugini, who was conducting the meeting in Eric Miller's absence. A quorum was established. In addition to Raymond, Board of Directors members present were Lisa Catanese, Pam Cropley, Lisa Lowell, Teri Norman, Kevin Ryan, and Dave Sutherland. Absent in addition to Eric Miller was Darby Pollansky. Also present was Laura Young, GPA tax collector

Audience of Members: None.

Minutes: Minutes from the July 9, 2025, Annual Budget Meeting were approved. Motion by Teri Norman, second by Raymond Perugini, approved unanimously.

President's Report: None.

Tax Collector's Report: Laura Young submitted a report showing that \$11,481 was billed in taxes for the 2025-26 budget year that started July 1, and \$9,185 was collected, which is an 80% collection rate. Newly delinquent accounts and fees totaled \$1,723, and habitually delinquent accounts and fees totaled \$13,411. A total of 33 accounts are newly delinquent, and 12 accounts are habitually delinquent. Laura said she is sending reminder bills on August 31. Raymond Perugini suggested forming a small committee to approach delinquent GPA members personally to ask why they are not paying. Laura said she would send a current list of delinquent members to the full board.

Treasurer's Report: Lisa Lowell shared a report showing that spending is on track for the fiscal year that started July 1.

Committee Reports:

- **Beach/Beautification:** Three new picnic tables were purchased at a bargain price of about \$100 each. They can sit 6 and can be folded at the end of the season and stored in the shed. The old wooden picnic tables will be cut in half and put out for bulk waste pickup. Also, the truck access to the beach was greatly improved, thanks to Dave Sutherland, Jim Cropley, and others who volunteered to help.
- **Member Involvement:** A smores night and full moon kayaking is tentatively being planned for Sunday, October 5, weather permitting.
- **Environmental:** The water at the GPA beach continues to be well below the threshold for e. coli contamination.
- **Fuel Oil Cooperative:** Ben Emanuele has agreed to coordinate this again for the winter.
- **Website:** No report.
- **Welcome to GPA:** Lisa Lowell reported that several newcomers have moved to the Gerald Park Association and will be receiving Welcome Baskets.
- **Bylaws and Park Rules:** On hold.
- **GPA Taxes:** On hold.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Ann Hansen paving agreement: The asphalt on Chase Avenue that leads to Mary Ann's house was removed and process material was put down as the first step toward paving. The neighbors adjacent to that area were concerned that the paving would interfere with their driveway. Eric Miller and Pam Cropley are working with the town and the neighbors to resolve the issue prior to paving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed calendar for the beach and park: A suggestion was made to create a calendar that shows when a GPA member informs the Board that they will be holding an event or party at the beach. Because we only get one or two notices each year, the Board decided to table the idea for now, but will revisit the issue if more requests come in for next summer.

Date for fall Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held at Coventry High School on Wednesday, Sept 17, 2025, at 6pm.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: To be determined at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.