

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA meeting –6/26/11

Present: Ron Arnstein, President; Mera Eisen, Vice President; Martha Levites, Treasurer; Dan Fast, Secretary; Michael Brown, Fred Margolies, Drew Orr, Dorothy Shulman, John Bergherr, Gerry Sircus, Chris Rietsch, Paul Stewart-Stand, Jay Martin, Ken Finkelman

Absent: Jody Folster

Meeting called to order at 9:40 AM

- 1- The minutes of the 5/22/11 Board meeting were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.
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2- Financial:
 - Martha reported that, although she had not prepared a full report for this meeting, we are in good financial condition,
 - Financial Issues
 - A- Ron reported that Gecaje was away for the last month, and has promised to pay his dues by the end of this month.
 - B- Ken will set up another Confession of Judgement for DeAngelis, and Ron get it signed by DeAngelis.
 - C- Mera obtained some information on the Decaudin situation from him. His lender, Ocwen Bank, is foreclosing, or has foreclosed, on his property. Ocwen has a very bad reputation, and is involved in a class action suit with it's customers.
 - D- Hom/Mansfield house is still on the market. They have all necessary approvals for the construction of a 4 bedroom home, and they have plans for a 3 bedroom.
 - E- So far the following have not paid this year's taxes: Gecaje, DeAngelis, Decaudin, Rios property, Cousins.
- 3- Water:
 - A- Ron got a price of \$1100 from an excavator to clean out the catch basin and extend the drainage for the Branch Street well and the Pump House. It was decided that the extension of the drains be placed on hold until we are sure of the configuration of Colony property in that location. Dan moved, seconded by Dorothy, to spend up to \$1100 to have the drains from the Branch Street well and the Pump House, and their catch basin cleaned out. Passed unanimously.
 - B- Ron stated that there are three dead trees threatening the Pump House, which need to be removed, at a cost of \$2500.
- 4- Freedman tree situation:
 - A- Dan had drafted a letter from the Board to the Freedmans in reference to the tree cutting situation, in answer to a letter which the Board received from their attorney. Dan's letter was read, and minor corrections made. The letter will be sent to the Freedman's attorney, with a copy to the Freedmans.
 - B- Dan, Fred and Martha were appointed by the Board to meet with the Freedmans about the situation.

- 5- Roads:
- A- Dorothy reported that the erosion of the road in front of her house was so bad that she had to call the Town to make a repair in order to get out of her driveway.
 - B- Fred read a report on the condition of the roads, which was generated by Mark Schmid.
 - C- A new Road committee was formed to meet with Peter Ripperger, the Town Highway Superintendent, about the repair of the roads consisting of: Fred (Chair), Ron Chris, Drew, Gerry, and Paul Milliot.
- 6- Beach:
- A- The Beach committee and a number of other volunteers worked at the beach yesterday and last week cleaning up and spreading sand and mulch.
 - B- Mera stated that all of the stone walls, particularly behind the lifeguard's chair, are in need of pointing. Ron suggested that we hire a laborer to do the pointing of the walls at a rate of \$150 per day for three days, plus the cost of materials. He feels that most, if not all, of the work could be done in three days by a competent laborer. Fred moved, seconded by Dan, to proceed with this work, as described by Ron, at a cost not to exceed \$500. Passed unanimously.
 - C- A tarp has been placed over the boat house roof, which is in serious need of repair, as a temporary measure. Drew and other Board members feel that the boathouse should be replaced.
- 7- Social committee:
- A- The season begins with a Barbecue at the beach next Saturday.
 - B- John feels that we may not be covered for the serving of alcoholic beverages at events where there is a "suggested contribution". Other Board members felt that this was not the case. John will speak to our insurance broker, and report back to the Board.
- 8- Environmental;
- A- Mark Schmid is surveying the community for problem trees.
 - B- We anticipate placing some lightweight fencing around the basketball court to prevent the balls from going into the swamp or out on the road. Money has already been allocated for this.
 - C- A discussion ensued on extending and refurbishing the basketball court. The Environmental committee will get estimates for this work, which will be a capitol improvement.
- 9- Camp:
- Paul reported for the Camp committee:
- A- Session 1 is completely full with 82 campers. Session 2 has a few openings left with 64 campers now.
 - B- Nursery will end at 1:30 PM instead of 3:30 PM. This was done to limit the number of people at the beach in response to feedback from Colony membership.
 - C- The Camp and the Camp committee are trying to re-route traffic for pick up and drop off of campers to improve the flow of traffic through the Colony.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.