

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA 9/9/18

Present:

Rina Slavin: President, Ron Arnstein: Vice President, Paul Stewart-Stand: Treasurer, Mike Brown, Gerry Sircus, Fred Margolies, Ben Goldner, , Drew Orr, Roman Broberg, Jeremy Metz, Carol Nordgren, Patrick dePaula, Hannah Yates, Chris Broberg

Also present: Zingy Mkela (for Elliott Sokolov who is recovering from Pancreatitis)

Absent: Martha Levites: Vice President, Dan Fast: Secretary

Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Rina Slavin: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of the 8/12/18 Regular Board meeting were read and accepted as read.

2- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 9/6/18 was given by Paul:

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| M&T Bank | \$ 84,489 |
| M&T Bank (Scholarship Fund) | \$1021 |
| M&T Camp Account | \$25,010(includes \$10,000Camp reserve & \$7,800 Water Operator salary) |
| M&T Water Capitol | \$39,821 |
| M&T Capitol Improvement | \$130,884 |
| Total | \$281,226 |

There are currently 4 members in arrears as of 9/6/18, with 9 members on payment plans for 2018. The members in arrears are: Apter, Burgun, Rios, and Moledo. A lien has been placed on the Apter property.

3- Budget:

Paul presented the revised 2019 Budget, and the Board reviewed and discussed it. A proposal was made to increase the Landscaping by \$750, or to split it with Maintenance. The Finance Committee (Martha Levites, John Bergherr, Patrick dePaula, Jeremy Metz, Paul Stewart-Stand) will review the Budget and update for the October Board meeting.

There may be additional waste management charges from City Carting due to increases for recycling. A suggestion was made to consider composting as a means of reducing costs.

4- Trees:

The status of many old and dead trees along the roads was discussed briefly and will be considered at a future meeting.

5- Committee Reports:

Camp:

Ben reported that the Camp budget is not yet fully reconciled, but should be within the next month, and that the committee has started planning for next year.

Beach:

Hannah reported that Bids for Boat House work are anticipated, as well as changes to the existing playground area. The Board of Health requires 6" of mulch or rubber below playground equipment. Mulch, which has been used until now, must be replaced yearly.

The path from the entrance to the beach washes out because of road runoff. Salt from the runoff causes further deterioration of the steps. Drew has placed hay bales at each step, but this is a temporary solution. The Beach committee is studying the problem and looking for a permanent solution.

Barn:

Mike reported that estimates for repair costs of the south wall have been satisfactorily provided. The pros and cons of having a volunteer group scrape, repair, and paint the wall was discussed. There is not enough time for such an activity to be scheduled in the fall. Mike will discuss with the Barn committee.

Roads:

Fred reported that a vacuum truck from the Town came by before Labor Day. The pipes to direct water become clogged and must be cleaned periodically. Fred will communicate with the Town to request that roads be graded away from the lake.

Sales and legal:

Jeremy reported that the Penzero property at 43 Main Street is on the market at \$550,000, and that the property at 41 Main Street has sold for \$649,000. There is uncertainty as to whether or not the Cuffee property at 15 Hall Ave. has been sold.

A letter from Jeffrey Klainberg criticizing the elimination of the List of Interested Prospective Buyers was read. Rina will acknowledge receipt and reading of the letter. Meeting dates are posted on the GB website.

Water:

Drew reported that the annual Board of Health inspection of the water system is coming up this month..

Environment:

The proposed installation of a bee colony to be located on the property that contains the Main Street well was viewed favorably, but will be further evaluated when more information has been provided by the agency offering this opportunity.

Maintenance:

Drew reported that crosspieces are needed for the fence gate at the Pump House and at other sites in the Colony.

Committee Liaisons:

Financial: Paul; Camp: Ben; Beach: Hannah; Barn: Mike; Roads: Fred; Sales & Legal: Jeremy; Water: Ron; Social: Elliot; Communications: Patrick. Environment: Patrick & Chris; Maintenance: Drew; Good & Welfare: Carol; Lake: Dan; Road 4: Gerry.

Good & Welfare:

Carol reported that newcomers from 4 households were present at this year's banquet.

Fred will invite area politicians to speak at the Barn. The invitation is to be non-partisan.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Gerry Sircus and Carol Nordgren