

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting 9/13/20

Present:

Paul Stewart-Stand: President, John Bergherr: Vice President, William Edwards: Treasurer, Dan Fast: Secretary, Mike Brown, Elliot Sokolov, Jeremy Metz, Gerry Sircus, Drew Orr, Mary Mahoney, Hannah Yates, Rina Slavin, Ron Arnstein, Jeremy Schneider, Wendy Robinson

Virtual Meeting called to order at 9:35 AM by Paul Stewart-Stand: President.

1- Minutes:

The minutes of 8/9/20 Board meeting were read by Dan, and accepted as read.

2- Paul greeted the new Board and described the procedure for conducting Board meetings that he will try to follow.

3- Financial:

The current financial report, as of 9/1/20 was given by William:

M&T Bank	\$ 0
M&T Camp Account	\$ 2,902
M&T Water Capitol	\$ 0
M&T Capitol Improvement	\$ 0
Sterling Bank – Operating	\$ 85,489
Sterling Bank – Camp/ Payroll	\$ 2,287
Sterling Bank – Water Capitol Imp.	\$ 51,640
Sterling Bank – Capitol Improvement	\$ 172,855
Total	\$ 315,172

There are 4 members in arrears: Harris, Moledo, Schwartz, US Bank (formerly Rios). Liens have been filed against all of them.

William reviewed the 2021 Budget, explaining the adds and deducts. Board members suggested a few minor revisions, which will be incorporated into the final version. Dan moved, seconded by John, to approve the 2021 Budget as presented by William with minor revisions. Passed unanimously.

4- Tree work:

Mike reported that he has received a price and one revision, and is expecting a second revision, from Red Oak Tree Service. The initial price was \$7,500. This has increased due to additional work being specified. Mike moved, seconded by Gerry, to go ahead with the tree work at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Passed unanimously.

5- Concrete Dam:

John reported that a letter from Site Design Consultants, which stated that although repairs to the 2 cracks that are seeping are recommended, the dam is stable and safe, has been forwarded to our insurance company. John stated that he promised the insurance company that repairs would be undertaken within the coming year, and that he had asked the engineer who did the report to recommend contractors to give us prices for those repairs.

Dan stated that he had asked the engineer from S.D.C to investigate an alternate method of repair, which if recommended, would be a considerably cheaper alternative. Dan is following up on this with the engineer from S.D.C.

6- Ball field access:

The subject of access by large vehicles to the ball field was discussed. It was pointed out that an access route was constructed a number of years ago from the Ehnes driveway to the field. At that time access from Rt.138 via the McGroary driveway was considered and it was decided to build an extension off the Ehnes driveway instead due to the need to construct a culvert over the drainage ditch between the ball field and the McGroary driveway.

Questions arose as to the nature and maintenance of easements. Jeremy Metz will follow up with the Colony's attorney.

7- Camp:

Mary raised the subject of Jody Folster being able to continue as Camp Treasurer. A motion to table the motion to allow Jody Folster, a former Colony resident and now non resident, to continue as Camp treasurer with check signing ability was made at the last Board meeting. William Edwards moved, seconded by John Bergherr, to have all Sterling Bank accounts reflect the current Board officers, Paul Stewart-Stand, John Bergherr, William Edwards, and Dan Fast, and to add Jody Folster as a signer on the Camp account with a \$1,000 limit for Camp checks. Passed unanimously.

8- "Nursery" acre usage:

Paul asked for a motion to have the Environmental committee draw up a plan for the usage of the "Nursery" acre for a community garden. Drew pointed out that that property contains one of the 2 Colony wells, and that the Board of Health would need to be consulted before any plan for additional usage of that property could be finalized. Hannah moved, seconded by William, to proceed with a plan for putting a community garden on the "Nursery" acre. All in favor except one abstaining. Motion carried.

9- Barn:

Drew stated that it would cost \$600 to construct a gravel trench in the Barn basement along the west wall to deal with the water problem in that area. Drew moved, seconded by Rina, to have this work done at a cost of \$600. Carried unanimously.

- 10-- Sales and Legal:  
Jeremy Metz reported that the bank terminated the contract on 16 Hall Ave. after a tree fell on the house causing water and other damage. The property is now back on the market for \$422,000.
- 11- John moved, seconded by Rina, to insert the following statement into the minutes: We express appreciation to Martha Levites who most recently finished her tenure on the Board as Vice President. Our community has benefited from her wisdom, passion for community, and unique ability to help focus meetings and conversations on solutions to move us forward. Passed unanimously.
- Rina moved, seconded by Elliot, to extend similar accolades to Carol Nordgren, Chris Broberg, and Ben Goldner. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary