

Minutes of Executive Board of GBCA virtual (Zoom) meeting - 4/3/21

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, Rina Slavin, Jeremy Schneider, Wendy Robinson, Mary Mahoney, Ron Arnstein, Hannah Yates

Virtual Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Paul Stewart-Stand: President.

- 1- Minutes:  
The minutes of the 3/14/21 Board meeting were read by Dan fast, Secretary, corrected, and accepted as corrected.
- 2- Paul Stewart-Stand opened a discussion of the relationships among committees, the Board, and the Membership.  
Jeremy Schneider stated that the objective should be to involve as many people as possible in committees.  
Jeremy Metz stated that the By Laws clearly state that committees report to the Board with their recommendations.  
Drew Orr stated that the Beach committee had gathered information to present to the Board and Membership.  
Drew and several other community members had repaired the existing chain link fence at no cost to the community with materials he had received for free from a friend of his. Although some felt that Drew had violated the Board's intent to replace the existing chain link fence with a new wooden fence others pointed out that the Board's decision was based on a \$4600 repair vs a \$7800 replacement. The fact that the repair was now zero changed that assumption.  
John Bergherr suggested that Board votes on major items should be taken in Executive Session to avoid the problem of other than Board members being present and exerting sometimes undue influence over the voting process.  
Other Board members commented on the above.  
After considerable further discussion it was the consensus of the Board to have the Beach committee present all of the fence options to the Membership with the repair option specifying that the cost was zero, not the \$4600 presented to the Board.
- 3- Paul Stewart-Stand then opened a discussion of the water system, stating that more information needs to be shared with the Board.  
Ron Arnstein, who is the Water Operator, as well as a Board member, explained that he performs his duties as the Water Operator in accordance with strict NYS and Westchester County rules governing his position. Ron further stated that he produces and circulates to all water users an annual water quality report, as well as all notices of any violations received, and any other required notifications, all done as per regulations from the governing bodies. Ron explained that he apprised the Board of the BOH requirements re: PFOA and PFOS testing as soon as he had sufficient information. Ron stressed that the BOH has so far refused to provide any guidance concerning remediation measures for the PFAO / PFOS problem.

- 4- Mike Brown reported that he has been contacted by several community members about a number of trees, two in particular, that require immediate removal. William Edwards stated that this is essentially an emergency situation, which should be handled ASAP. William said that funds for tree work are in the budget, but are being depleted. Mike will get pricing on removal of the trees in question.
- 5- Jeremy Metz reported on the status of the 20 Hillside Ave. (formerly Rios) lawsuit. There are meetings coming up on May 19<sup>th</sup> at which a decision may be made. There are presently two motions to dismiss the lawsuit.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Fast, Secretary