

## GPOA Board Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2013

Attendees: Ron Garren ; Bill Marshall ; Don Brinkley ; Pat Feury ; Jim Huff

Vice President Ron Garren called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm as a quorum was present.

Jim Huff moved to accept the August Minutes as had been emailed to the Board Members. The motion was seconded by Don Brinkley and passed unanimously. The August minutes were accepted as previously submitted.

### **Officer's Reports:**

**President: No Report\***

**Vice President : No Report**

**Treasurer : No Report\***

**Secretary : No Report**

\* President Dave Nelson & Treasurer George Moyle were out of town

### **Committee Reports**

**Architectural & Covenants :** 1201 Pine Valley Pkwy has been mown regularly since the issue was brought to the attention of the bank ( property is in foreclosure ). Jim will continue to monitor situation. 1110 Basil Drive is also being mown, but shrubbery along Greenbrier Pkwy is still growing unabated. Efforts to contact the owner of 1208 Pine Valley Drive have been unsuccessful. The Board may decide to start overseeing maintenance and move to place a lien on property if it starts to incur maintenance costs.

**Drainage :** After meeting with Jim Huff and other representatives, the City of New Bern and the GPOA are in accord that the City is responsible for the Park's pond, including a remediation program to kill the weeds in the pond. They also acknowledged ownership of the ditch at the end of Kingsmill Ct. that runs the length of the eighth fairway. They will address it, when they return on their regular drainage maintenance schedule.

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**Beautification** : Ron Garren reported that the successful bidders for the clean-up of the park and the clean-up along Greenbrier Pkwy to the power lines were both notified ( selected bids were from two different contractors; Universal Landscaping for the Park and Cut-Rite for the Parkway ). Work is expected to begin in late October commensurate with the end of the growing season. Tree removal along Greenbrier Parkway will be reviewed in the coming weeks.

**Emerald Advisory Committee** : No report, as no subsequent meetings.

**Emergency Management** : No report.

**Finance** : Don Brinkley presented a first draft of the 2014 GPOA budget. The income and expenses are anticipated to closely match the 2013 figures. It was collectively decided by the five Board members present to defer discussion on individual line items until the next meeting, so as to have the input of the current President and Treasurer.

**Welcome Committee**: Don Brinkley met on August 20, 2013 with fourteen of the twenty-two welcome volunteers on record and reviewed the new welcome packages. There was some confusion as to responsibilities for covering certain areas, and that is being worked out.

**Old Business**:

**Nominations**: The Board nominating committee reports that they have three interested candidates to date. They are Ron Latellier, Mark Taylor and Rick Osborne. An email went out to all registered GPOA members who have provided an email address. A mailing went out to all the other members. The Board will approach Steve D'Amico and Jim Heinhold to serve on the Nominating Committee.

**Fire Prevention Meeting**: A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Emerald. Dave Nelson will be asked to send an email as the date draws closer.

**Ongoing Covenant Violations:** Topic was already covered, no new violations.

**Sign Policy:** The Board reaffirm their adopted policy of one sign per lot ( not one per candidate supported ) and they must be displayed in center of lot, six feet from curb. The Board acknowledges free speech and applauds activism, but is also legally empowered to control the display of all signs. Bill Marshall made a motion as follows: "The Board approves the GPOA Signage policy limiting the display of same to one per lot an accordance with the established signage policy as to where and how it may be displayed" Jim Huff seconded the Motion and it passed on a unanimous vote.

**Contract Employee for Database Administration :** Patrick Feury presented a detail look at the various activities that keeping the GPOA database current would entail. He broke it down by broad function and individual activity. Due to the fact two principals who have worked with the database could not attend, the discussion was deferred until the next meeting.

#### **New Business**

**Constituent Correspondence:** Nothing to Report

**Financial assistance to Emerald for Purchasing Koi :** The Emerald ( Jim Lanier ) approached the Board on the topic of helping to defray the cost of purchasing Koi ( Carp ) which help to control weed growth in the ponds, which in turn harm the GPOA pump. Jim Huff made the following motion: " The GPOA approves the expenditure of five hundred dollars to be used for the purchase of Koi by the Emerald Golf Course" The motion was seconded by Pat Feury, and the ensuing vote was unanimous in favor of the motion

**Volunteers :** The general sentiment of the Board is to expand the involvement of volunteers.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm**

**Respectfully submitted**

**William Marshall, Secretary**