

## Minutes of GPOA Board Meeting

March 5, 2014

Board President Ron Garren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with one member, Patrick Feury, being absent because of illness. Since all members had previously electronically received and reviewed the minutes of the February 2014 meeting, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes without having them read.

**President's Report** - Ron reported that Jim Huff had contacted Duke Energy about a month ago regarding damage that they had caused along the shoulder of Greenbrier Parkway where the power lines cross and asked that they contact him (Jim) or Ron Garren. Duke Energy's District representative called and then met with Ron on 3 March to resolve our issues with ruts left by large trucks on the shoulder of the road when Duke replaced some power poles. Duke Energy agreed to pay to have the ruts repaired and Ron contacted "The Little Guys" to make the repairs. Since Duke Energy is to pay for the repairs, Ron saw no need to wait until he had Board approval to proceed. Little Guys will complete the repairs and send us a separate invoice for that work.

**Vice President** - No report.

**Secretary** - No report.

**Treasurer** - Mark reported that we have had a surge of membership renewals since we distributed reminders regarding dues, but we are still well behind last year's membership level. The year-to-date dues collected is \$19,380 with total assets of \$62,536.

### **Committee Reports -**

Architectural and Covenants-- Jim Huff reports that he is still experiencing difficulty getting reimbursement for work done on foreclosed and abandoned properties. After some discussion, Jim will contact the city Property Inspectors to try to force offending owners (e.g. mortgage holders) to maintain properties at community standards.

Beautification and Maintenance -- Ron Letellier reported that "The Little Guys" have scheduled shrub and tree trimming along Greenbrier Parkway and in Bear Park, but completion of the work has been delayed by the weather.

Ron L. also reported that he has requested bids from two contractors to repair the boardwalk on the nature trail adjacent to Bear Park. To date, we have received one written and one verbal estimate. Ron G. suggested that all members of the Board (hopefully together) study the bids and then inspect the boardwalk prior to making a decision on which bid to accept.

Emerald Liaison -- Mark reported that in the March Emerald Advisory meeting, Golf Course management said that the conditions of the greens are good and the course is progressing as expected. Management has just spread \$3,000 worth of pine straw around the fairways.

Hopefully, membership numbers will improve as spring weather arrives; current membership renewals being 116 residents and 81 others.

Emergency Management -- Ron G reported that John Harding had asked if Greenbrier would be interested in participation in a Police Department sponsored National Night Out program scheduled for late-summer. After discussing the literature and information on the program, the Board felt that this program was primarily geared toward urban areas and therefore, we would forego participation this year.

Finance -- Mark has already provided his status of the finances, but added that we may need another push toward improving membership participation in GPOA if our numbers don't improve by our April meeting.

HOA Liaison -- Ron G reported that he has spoken with officers in each of the other HOAs and has updated our GPOA web-site, insuring that all officers and phone numbers are accurate. Special **THANKS** to our webmaster, **Dawn Heller!**

Publicity -- Ron G reported that he has had inquiries about putting electronics links to commercial enterprises on our web site. The Board reaffirmed our policy of not allow commercial access to our web site.

### **Old Business**

Repairs to the boardwalk and nature trail in Bear Park were previously discussed in minutes.

Traffic Issues: Ron G has spoken again with Alderman Jeffery Odham about changes at the intersection of Greenbrier Parkway/Basil/Pine Valley. Our proposal is on the City Manager's agenda. Also, Sergeant Smith of New Bern Police Traffic Division has forwarded our concerns about the traffic light at the intersection of the Parkway and Glenbernie Road to the state Department of Transportation.

### **New Business**

This is old (continuing) new business. Ron G reports several calls regarding people who walk their dogs and fail to clean up after them. These are people who not only leave their "mess" lying in the park and along the Parkway, but also in their neighbors' lawns. Ron has told all who call that the Board has no way of knocking on someone's door and telling them to go out and scoop the poop; the only person who can do this is the person who witnesses the act. Our covenants committee chair, Skip Buckley, will have an article in the next gazette regarding covenants and New Bern law that requiring pets to be leashed and under control, and their droppings be cleaned up by their owners.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will again be sponsored by the GPOA and the Men's Golf Association. Eight year old and under children and grandchildren of Greenbrier residents may participate at 10:00 o'clock a.m. Saturday, April 19, in Bear Park. Prizes for all children and the Easter Bunny will be there, so bring a camera! Thanks to **Ken Hauser** and **George Lee**, who will coordinate.

There are still tree-cutting contractors knocking on doors, asking for money in advance, and then not completing all the work that is promised. Most of our complaints have concerned one particular company. Residents should **always** ask for and then query references before hiring **anyone** who “comes-a-knockin.”

There being no further business, there was a motion, second, and unanimous concurrence that the Board **Adjourn** at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Letellier for

Patrick Feury