

**GPOA Meeting The Emerald
20 May 2024**

1. Call to Order 5:30pm

2. Role Call

Renee Brochu (RB) present
Julia Burke (JB) present
Doug Cheek (DC) present
Andy Early (AE) present
Vickie Ryckman (VR) present
Sarah Sawyer (SS) absent, unexcused
Hoben Thomas (HT) present

3. Secretary's Report, HT

VR moved, it was seconded and passed that the 14 May GPOA working meeting minutes be accepted.

4. Treasurer's Report, DC and AE

A GPOA Budget to Actual was distributed. It was noted GPOA membership well exceeds last year's total. Gifts received: \$3,332. Checking and Savings as of 30 April were \$47,265.28 and \$30,327.98 respectively.

5. President's Report, JB

1) JB introduced RB as the new Board communications person. 2) Residents were urged to attend the 3 June annual meeting with handouts and raffle as attractions, and important votes.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 ACC George Kramer.

From ACC 10 May distribution:

1. Kevin Bragg, 306 Augusta Court (2024-026)-S-IV-A.
Replace wood deck. Recommend
2. Robert Dixon, 111 Pine Valley Drive (2024-030)-S-III-C.
Straighten driveway, create parking pad and extend deck. Recommend
3. Thomas Gunther, 100 Inverness Court (2024-033)-S-V.
Covered walkway connecting Laurel Valley to residential entry. Recommend
4. Wayne D'Arco, 504 Mulligan Court (2024-031)-S-VI-2.
Replace and enlarge fenced area. Recommend

Items 1 and 2 were moved and passed by the Board, with no action on 3 and 4.

6.2 mailchimp Bill Kirsch.

From a 20 May distribution by Kirsch: GPOA Members 2024: 480. GPOA Members 2023: 425. Members new in 2024: 95. Members that have not rejoined from 2023: 40. Net increase in 2024 from 2023: 55 households. Houses in Greenbrier: 654, so 73% of the Greenbrier's residences belong to the GPOA.

6.3 Maintenance & Nature Park Geoffrey Smith (GS) and David Chew.

David Chew presented a lovely detailed and illustrated handout summarizing Nature Park matters to date. A main concern is the need to extract a downed Gum tree, which will be engineered by GS. Some discussion concerned the risks of resident assistants to the project were voiced, but participants sign-off on the matter, and the GPOA's insurance extends to the Nature Park committee according to Chew. Should these amateur tree-extraction activities fail, the GPOA may be requested to supply funds for professional tree service.

GS's comments, perhaps unexpectedly, partly focused on the matter of responding to one resident's repeatedly voiced concerns about who has responsibility for certain features of the Parkway pond (the GPOA does). This, it was claimed, when compared with the resident's memory, was contradictory. Bills fall to the GPOA for payment, both fountain and riser barrels which govern the pond's water-surface height (GPOA has shared the riser barrel cost, and has paid for the fountain).

Of considerable interest is the now long-defunct pond fountain which GS also addressed: How much a new fountain will cost, who will install it, and whether in fact the fountain is to be replaced are open questions which will be considered at the 3 June meeting. Neither DC, the Board's point-person on the matter, nor GS, and his voluntary work, have provided any definite cost figures for the possible project, or who might do the installation and electrical set ups. Thus, the fountain information needle has not moved for weeks. But if there is community sentiment to replace the fountain, there is agreement it will be a capital expense requiring membership approval. It seems clear however, that if there is to be a fountain replacement, any functioning fountain is... months away.

6.4 Nominating

JB commented that at the end of 2025 there will be four Board openings to fill, and there needs to be a committee to address the matter.

7. Old Business

JB noted that the Board had voted, on 14 May, not to move forward with the Nature Park temporary riser barrel proposal. David Chew voiced an objection, but it was not pursued.

8. New Business

VR addressed two issues: 1) The College/Clubhouse entrance planting has not occurred. VR received calls regarding this oversight. In the past, the plants were paid for by the GPOA, but residents (Garden Club members) installed and maintained them. This practice has ended, and the GPOA needs to provide service for both entrances. It was understood that GS will contact Patterson's Lawn Care regarding the matter. 2) Needed are volunteers to place flags at both entrances for our national holidays. Tony Tauber offered to do this for this year.

9. Adjournment

VR moved, it was seconded and the vote to adjourn was at 6:38pm.

Hoben Thomas, Board Secretary
24 May 2024