

**GPOA Board Meeting
Wednesday April 19th, 2023, at 5:00 PM
The Emerald**

1. Call to order

5:00 PM.

2. Roll call

Geoffrey Smith (GS) Present
Carter-Ann Rollins (CAR) (Excused)
Ed Preston (EP) Present
Hoben Thomas (HT) Present
Ashley Smith (Excused)
Julia Burke (JB) Present
Tim Jernee (TJ) Present

3. Community Comments

a. Mr. Michael Waring complained about the GPOA’s website not being up to date with document postings. GS addressed the matter. GS acknowledged difficulties, and indicated he would attempt to location someone to maintain it. Nobody on the board nor in the audience expressed interest in maintaining the website. But the GPOA is, after all, a volunteer organization with limited resources, a fact seemingly not always appreciated. **b.** J. Cheek’s information request about calendar posting was clarified.

4. Secretary’s report

JB moved that the February minutes of the GPOA be approved; the motion was seconded and carried.

5. President’s Report

a. Tree concerns: GS reported there was a dead tree in Nature Park which requires removal; bids to do so will be obtained. The city declined to remove it.

b. Nomination Committee Required: GS noted a committee was required to obtain nominations for two open board positions. A post-meeting distribution by Mary Schaefer indicated she will chair the committee of six. The five others: Linda Howard, Pat Kirsch, Gail McLamb, Vicky Ryckman, Carolyn Waring, and Susan Woods. The committee’s goals are to find at least two members to run, and obtain their associated biographies. The Board needs to provide the committee with a due-date for nominations.

c. Solicitation policy: GS noted that solicitation requires GPOA permission; there is no city permit or involvement. Both resident safety and scam concerns were noted. *Metronet*, the new internet company, may have failed to seek permission, although company representatives are ringing door bells.

6. Treasurer’s Report

CAR’s prepared financial document was presented by GS in CAR’s absence. It was characterized as “flush,” although it was noted that the budget was based on 480 members, while currently there are only 400 paid. While accepted “as information” TJ moved, it was seconded and passed that the report be accepted.

7. ACC Report - George Kramer The following items were presented for action with Board decisions rendered as noted: **a.** Michael Waring, 3105 Peppercorn: An arbor-ACC recommended. JB moved it be approved; it was seconded and passed by the Board. **b.** John & Carol Garbarino, 1015 Basil-black vinyl fence. ACC recommended, TJ moved, it was seconded and passed by the Board. **c.** W. Audry, 1113 Basil Dr: A 14 by 18 foot shed with back-side of house location is to be constructed. With the wording change of shed to “out building construction” and with the ACC’s positive recommendation, TJ moved, it was seconded and passed by the Board. **d.** Kevin & Marylou Kling, 1005 Basil Drive:-A 10 by 16 foot shed. ACC recommended, EP moved, it was seconded and passed by the Board. **e.** D. M. Babb, 300 Augusta Ct.-Removal of 3 trees. ACC recommended, no approval was required. **f.** With title: *Resolution to Extend Architectural Control Committee Operations*, a one page 19 April dated document was presented for approval. GS moved to table the matter for further Board discussion. No action on the document was taken.

8. Committee reports

a. Bylaws

Parks Schaefer (PS) distributed a 19 page tri-color unnumbered and undated document titled “Bylaws of Greenbrier Property Owners Association, Inc.” A cover sheet dated April 19, 2023 noted that the attachment summarizes the Bylaws Committee’s activities since February 14, 2023. The lengthy document contains recommended bylaws changes and corrections for which PS requested community input. It appears the goal is to have a corrected suitably approved version available for the membership to vote on for the scheduled June 21, 2023 annual meeting. It was anticipated that there would be a joint GPOA Board and bylaws committee meeting to discuss matter.

b. Membership report

GS reported there are 400 members, 80 short of the goal.

c. Welcoming committee

GS commented there is need for additional committee membership.

d. Finance

No report

e. Noise abatement

There may be planting, as note earlier, to reduce truck noise. There is some effort to have the now 70mph speed limit on Federal 70 reduced near the intersection of 70 and NC43 perhaps to 65mph.

f. Nature Park

An April 14, 2023 dated two page report “April 2023 Report to the GPOA Board of Directors” submitted by co-chairs Ruth Powers and David W. Chew details many recent events. Among the report’s noteworthy items: The Greenbrier Home and Garden Club has donated \$1,000 for plants; repairs to the Serpentine Boardwalk are schedule to be initiated and completed in May. And the city will no long collect debris. The report claims the city’s reason for not doing so is that the park is “commercial” (an odd characterization).

g. Maintenance

A meeting will be held with the maintenance person to identify the location of sprinkler heads.

h. Civic

No report

i. Social Committee

It was reported that Tammy Bass would like to expand social events, but needs volunteers to do so. There was no Easter egg hunt this year in Nature Park—it rained, but should it have been sunny the same result would have occurred because there was nobody taking charge.

9. Old business

EP noted that Microsoft 365 has been set up; needed was the financial approval for a subscription.

10. New business

Summer meeting: June 21, 2023, 5:30pm, Orringer Hall on the Craven Community College campus. The time, location, and day selection were judged to be better suited to attract members than typical Sunday afternoon meetings of the past which may conflict with family events.

11. Next meeting

May 17, 5:00pm The Emerald

12. Adjournment

At 6:15pm EP moved to adjourn which was seconded and passed.

Hoben Thomas
Secretary