

**GIANTS NECK HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
At The Clubhouse on Creek Road  
Saturday, May 17, 2014  
10:00AM**

**Corrected Copy**

**Present**

**Board Members:** Anthony Starace, Agnes Bellody, Rudy Croteau, Mike Fogarty, Brian Kennedy, Tim Fox, Vickey Beauregard, and the Board of Governors Secretary, Jennifer Benway.

Meeting was called to order by President Starace at 10:08 a.m.

A quorum was assured.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes from the last meeting were presented to the members as a handout. President Starace asked the members to look over the report and comment. No comments were made.

**A motion was made by Greg Lutzen to accept the minutes and was seconded by Tom Hayes.  
The motion was unanimously accepted.**

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented to the members as a handout. President Starace asked the members to look over the report and comment. Carol Fedina commented that the treasurer's report was unacceptable. A discussion followed that it needs to be more detailed. The membership agreed. President Starace said he would discuss this with our treasurer, Steve Licitra, who was unable to attend the meeting.

**President's Report**

President Starace mentioned every item addressed in his letter to the Association for this meeting on May 17, 2014 including the following:

President Starace introduced Jeannette Zito from AT&T. The Association has an exclusive contract and receives compensation for Association members who sign up for U-Verse, Internet access, phone service, etc. Coffee and donuts, as well as many other free items, were handed out to Association members. The monies collected from AT&T is capital for the Association to use .

President Starace noted that there was a correction to the budget. The opening season balance in the account should read \$11,000.00.

**A motion was made by Tom Hayes to accept the correction to the budget and was put on the floor for discussion and seconded by Greg Lutzen. The motion was unanimously passed.**

President Starace asked if anyone else would like to comment on the budget. Christina Sovereign asked if taxes would go down and President Starace said that they would this year.

Greg Lutzen started a discussion on the projected budget for line item 11-A Park Improvements and an attachment for a Kwick Rink hockey rink to be used in the park where the old basketball court was. The attachment was included in the package mailed to the Association Members. A discussion continued on the pros and cons of a hockey rink. Vickey Beauregard, who presided over the Park Sub-Committee that was formed for improvements to our park, reminded the members that when we discussed this two years ago, no one who filled out the survey ever mentioned a hockey rink as an alternative to the old basketball court. Bringing out the Park survey results, she mentioned the following: benches, picnic tables, and or a gazebo for parents and grandparents to watch their children play was foremost after the tennis and basketball court. Following that were comments on a bocce ball court or horseshoe area.

**A motion was made by Greg Lutzen to amend Account 11-A Park Improvements by reducing that line item from \$14,000.00 to \$7,000.00. He requested that the Board of Governors consider other more appropriate uses for that space in the park. He proposed that the remainder of the money from that line item 11-A fund Account 11-D Clubhouse by appropriating an additional \$4,000.00 for landscaping and also to fund Account 11-B Parking Lot with an additional \$3,000.00 to maintain the hillside plantings. The motion seconded by Lisa Pellegrini.**

**The motion was unanimously accepted and passed.**

**President Starace then called for a vote on the motion as amended. The motion was passed.**

### **Old Business**

There was no Old Business to address.

### **New Business**

A discussion on trucks and other vehicles not authorized to park in our beach parking lot and near our turnaround ensued. President Starace said he would look into the matter and report out.

Members discussed parking on the streets in the Association. Several members commented on the fact that our Association By-Laws state that members should not park on the street. Several members expressed their concerns that neighbors are parking in front of their houses and not on their own driveways or lawns when they have guests. A request was made to post this on our web site and display this on our signage that we use at the corner of Dell Lane and Giants Neck Road. The board agreed to start there.

President Starace reminded the members that any money left in the actual budget for this year needed to be spent or they would roll over to the budget next year. Greg Lutzen brought up a discussion about the plans for the AT&T rewards money collected.

A discussion by the members ensued.

**A motion was made by Greg Lutzen to use the AT&T Rewards for projects, such as, refinishing clubhouse floors, purchasing new tables, and whatever else deemed necessary by the Board of Governors, by June 30, 2014. The motion was seconded by Lou Maglaty.**

**The motion was unanimously accepted.**

President Starace mentioned all of the upcoming events this year for the Association as sent in the membership package. He reiterated:

- S'mores by the Sea – May 25 at the beach 6 -8 PM
- Angelo Ruggiero – July 4 at the clubhouse

- Fire Pit and Pizza - August 31 at the beach 8-111PM

David Saia opened a discussion about increasing the frequency of the S'Mores by the Sea events to one per month and volunteered to plan and oversee the events with Tim Fox.

### **Other Business**

A discussion on naming the park after Ken Secchiaroli followed. It was decided that naming anything in the Association after anyone is not appropriate. Rather than naming specific areas of the neighborhood after people, recognize them in other ways like, presenting them with a plaque.

Discussions continued on the following

- It may be against zoning laws to have a chicken coup in Giants Neck Heights.
- Improving drainage around the clubhouse.
- A discussion opened about the safety of the jetty and how there is appropriate signage on the beach.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Benway, Secretary