

**GIANTS NECK HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
At The Clubhouse on Creek Road
Saturday, May 19, 2012
10:00AM**

Present:

Anthony Starace, Agnes Bellody, Michael Pare, Ken Secchiaroli, Brian Kennedy, Rudy Croteau, Vickey Beauregard, Isabel Georgian, Mike Fogarty.

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

A quorum was assured.

Secretary's Report was read by Nicole Biagiarelli. The minutes were motioned and unanimously approved.

A motion was moved to limit each speaker to 3 minutes during the meeting and unanimously approved.

Mike Fortura, of Classic Turf Company located in Woodbury, spoke to the assembly about the possible changes to the tennis court. The current condition is not usable. It is cracked, cannot be patched and has become a safety issue. Mr. Fortura presented a plan for a multi-use basketball and tennis court. The new surface will consist of a post-tension concrete slab and their classic turf sports surface - a padding made of a waterproof recycled material that will be installed on top of the concrete slab. The new surface comes with a 20 year guarantee.

President's Report

President Starace reported that the new traffic lights on Giants Neck Road are up and running and working well. He also reported that there will be a meeting on June 1, 2012 regarding putting in an emergency access road from Giants Neck Road to the Rocky Neck park access road.

Last year's budget improvements included jetty repairs, and an anonymous gift of a flag pole which will soon have an American flag and an association flag flying on it.

Responses from the Park survey, and a report out from the Park Sub-Committee to the Board of Governors, resulted in the suggestion of putting in a multi-use tennis and basketball court for the park located on Beechwood Road. A line item for those repairs was added to the proposed budget for 2012 to 2013. The typical property owner will have an increase of approximately \$70.50. The multi-use court will also free up approximately 45' x 100' of land where the current basketball court is.

At this point, **Carole Fedina, of 63 Hillcrest Road, motioned to bring the budget to the floor. Ed Herlihy, of 55 South Edgewood Road, seconded the motion.**

Bob Waitr of 15 Park View Road wanted to know which option for the tennis court was in the budget. President Starace explained that it was the complete package with the padding.

Tom Perron of 95 South Edgewood suggested a separate vote on the tennis court surfaces.

A motion was made by Michelle Wheeler of 116 South Edgewood Road to amend the budget line for the multi-use court surface. The line item for the multi-use court was proposed to be reduced by \$18,000 by eliminating the padding to the surface of the courts. Ed Herlihy of 55 South Edgewood seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the amendment was defeated.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the 2012-2013 budget as is.

Old Business

The by-laws for the Association have been ratified and need to be approved. The effort to ratify the by-laws has been going on for several years. The Association will vote on the ratification of the by-laws at the August 18, 2012 meeting. The proposed new by-laws have been posted on the Association's website – www.myghna.com

New Business

People are not paying their dues each year resulting in the Association losing \$3,000 to \$4,000 per year. Unfortunately, putting liens on the properties does no good until the delinquent properties are sold. President Starace recommended using a three letter system for collecting delinquent dues. The first letter would include dates and the amount of dues owed. The second letter would again show the dates and amount of dues owed with a warning letting the property owner know that if the dues are not paid by the date indicated their name will be turned over to a collection agency. The third letter will show that their account has been turned over to a collection agency.

A motion was made to use the three letter system for delinquent dues and was seconded by Sue Wilkos of 59 Bay View.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:30AM. The motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Biagiarelli, Secretary

[Minutes retyped and modified to reflect more details by Vickey Beaugard, GNHA Web Chair.]