

**GIANTS NECK BEACH ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 8, 2021**

A duly noticed meeting of the Giants Neck Beach Association Board of Governors was held at 7:30 P.M. on July 8, 2021. Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, the meeting was held via Zoom. The public was able to attend and comment by utilizing the Zoom links provided in the Notice.

Present: Page Heslin, LeeAnn Berger, Lili Plisic, Wick Mallory and Lou Piscatelli

Absent: Bill Christopher, Peter Knowles,

Also Present: Louise Wilcox

1. Call to Order

P. Heslin called the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M.

2. President's Report

P. Heslin reported on a recent issue that arose with respect to the Yoga classes offered by the Recreation Committee. Concerns were raised to her because general recreation funds were used for Yoga lessons that were targeted to adults rather than children, and had an 8 person maximum rather than being open to the wider membership. In addition, it was not identified in the budget, and used prior year funds for lessons that were being provided in the current budget year. Following discussion, the board requested that P. Heslin contact K. Orshal to get a detailed break down of intended expenses in the recreation budget, and to tell her that anything outside of the designated items would need board approval.

During the course of the discussion, everyone acknowledged and expressed appreciation for K. Orshal's enthusiasm and energy, and her success in reinvigorating the recreation program, but the Board needs additional information on planned activities and expenses.

The court Committee is finding lots of trash, including food wrappers, on the new court. People still seem to be confused by the sign-up sheet, as there are times when different parties have signed up for tennis and pickle ball at the same time. Perhaps if we are able to transition to an online system we can foolproof it by having the system automatically block out the unavailable portions of the court once a reservation is made for a particular time.

3. Treasurer's Report

L. Wilcox presented the Treasurer's Report. There is \$26,429.47 in the operating account and \$156,518.90 in the capital Account. Property tax bills have been sent, in total amount of \$100,080.00. \$336.63 has been collected to date. Payments to Classic Turf are almost complete; they just need to do some touch-ups to the chipped paint on the fence poles before we make the final payment.

4. Potential Changes to Tax Process

L. Wilcox raised the issue of potentially putting tax information online so that people can look up their bills on the website if they have misplaced or don't receive their bill. Comparable information is publically available on Town website for East Lyme taxes, so there shouldn't be any privacy concerns. She would also like to find a way for people to pay online/electronically rather than having to pay by check, and suggested Zelle. Apparently at least one person paid their court assessment using Zelle. Following discussion it was agreed that this merits further investigation, including payment possibilities, in advance of next year's billing cycle.

5. July Association Meeting

Discussion concerning whether we should hold a July Association meeting. On the one hand, there is a feeling that members would like to have a meeting because it has been a long time since we did so. On the other hand, there is no urgent business or issues to be voted on, so it may not merit the risk of a large indoor gathering. L. Plisic noted that we should be cautious due to the Delta variant. If we choose to go forward, masks must be mandatory. Following discussion it was decided to go forward with the meeting, with masks required.

6. Security/Enforcement

Following discussion, it was confirmed that we will hire an off-duty police officer to patrol during portions of Labor Day weekend. This will be a shared resource with the Heights, which paid for coverage over July 4th weekend.

7. August Meeting Date

Due to scheduling conflicts with the original August BOG meeting date, it was rescheduled for Monday, August 16th, at 7:30 P.M. P. Heslin will post a notice of cancellation and new date.

8. Comments from Public

L. Piscatelli expressed concern about people signing up for multiple slots in the same day. He recently was unable to get a single time during an entire weekend. He would like the rules to be revised to address this. P. Heslin will refer this to the Court Committee for consideration.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: by L. Piscatelli to adjourn meeting at 8:55 P.M., seconded by L. Berger.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Page Heslin, Acting Secretary