

**Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association Meeting Held On
Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at Stratford School at 8:00 P.M.**

The monthly meeting of the Garden City estates Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Stratford School Cafeteria.

President Abrusci opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of Garden City resident Scott Busch. He then recognized past President Greg Senken and presented Greg with a plaque in honor of his service to the EPOA. He noted the project underway to update the EPOA website and a proposal for an EPOA fall event/fundraiser, and sought volunteers to assist with both.

The meeting continued with Committee reports.

Library Report

Randy Colahan, Library Trustee, reported that the Library had resumed regular hours on Tuesday and Thursday as of June 1, 2015, and would be opening on three additional Sundays over the coming year. He also noted several programs, improvements and policy activities, including the return of the Summer Reading program, the change in check-out duration for new materials (now two weeks, up from one), physical plant and landscaping improvements to be done over the summer, and implementation of improved safety policies for protecting children.

Recreation Committee

President Abrusci conveyed the report submitted by Kristina Russo. He noted that the Garden City Community Pool opens on June 13, 2015 and that online registration for membership is available to Garden City residents. The Parks Department has pulled 35,000 tulip bulbs from Village gardens and is giving them away for free to residents who bring a bag to Department's office. The Department's summer children's camps are nearing capacity, and remaining spots can be reserved online or in person at the office.

Traffic Committee

President Abrusci noted two items that had been brought to his attention. A resident has requested that street parking between Salisbury Avenue and Chester Avenue near the train station be limited to 2 hours, with appropriate signs posted. The request was referred to the Traffic Commission. In addition, the County's proposed redesign of the intersection at Stewart Avenue and Clinton Road has been withdrawn following opposition by residents in the Eastern Section.

Guest Speaker

President Abrusci introduced Police Department Commissioner Kenneth Jackson, who discussed his background in public safety, the structure and roles of the GCPD's divisions, and a number of recent successes in protecting the citizens of the Village. He took several questions from those present on issues including identity theft, drug and alcohol enforcement in the Village, and speed camera enforcement.

School Board

School board trustee Laura Hastings noted that both the school budget and the capital reserve funds had received approval of the Village residents in the recent vote. High school graduation is scheduled for June 27, 2015. In addition, there will be a six-week exercise program for adults at the high school this summer, for those who are interested.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Courtney Rosenblatt reported on Democracy Day at Stratford Elementary, where she and President Abrusci presented a primer on democracy and elections to the second grade class.

Trustees' Report

Trustee John Demaro reported that the Public Works Department is working on a cell phone app that will allow residents to report issues and track the Department's response.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Stratford School on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Colby Allsbrook
Secretary