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Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association Meeting Held On Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at Stratford School at 8:00 P.M.

The monthly meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Stratford School Cafeteria.

President Abrusci opened the meeting and asked Jon Schwieger to lead the pledge of allegiance. He then noted several recent developments involving the EPOA and its members, including that almost 500 Estates residents have paid dues for the 2015-16 calendar year to date; that he was looking for a volunteer to assist in updating the EPOA's website; and that the Members Appreciation Night event at the Community Pool was a big success. He also recognized Estates resident Hugh Lacy, the head of the Garden City Architectural Design Review Board, and noted that he had asked Mr. Lacy to serve as an EPOA representative on a new Mayor's Committee to review zoning issues.

The meeting continued with Committee reports.

Library Report

Randy Colahan, Library Trustee, submitted a report that was summarized by President Abrusci. Among other things, a number of interesting and educational adult programs for the fall have been booked; and the children's summer reading program was a great success, with 150 people attending the Summer Reading Club Festival in August and 2,129 books read by children in the program over the summer, up from 677 last summer.

School Board

School Board Trustee Laura Hastings submitted a report that was summarized by President Abrusci. Among other things, William Holub has been appointed to fill the BOE trustee vacancy and has completed the 2 day BOE training; various capital projects were completed at several of the schools over the summer; a kindergarten class was added at Homestead, and a first grade was added at Hemlock; and the Homecoming parade will be on October 17th at 1pm.

Recreation Committee

Patrick Manley submitted a report that was summarized by President Abrusci. Among other things, the Rec. Department is in the process of developing a strategic plan and is putting together a small discussion committee for input; anyone interested in participating should contact Mr. Manley or the EPOA. At the Community Pool, over 1000 people attended Members Appreciation Night event; the Board of Trustees is considering updates to the locker rooms; and the Village has received an engineers' report regarding rehabilitation and possible turfing of the fields.

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Traffic Committee

Doug Singer submitted a report that was summarized by President Abrusci, including a request for a new stop sign. Because a quorum of EPOA board members was not present, a vote on the question was tabled until the next meeting.

Several EPOA residents also raised other traffic issues for discussion, including whether “no turn on red” signs should be added to the intersection of Merillon Avenue and Nassau Boulevard to protect pedestrians crossing to the train station, and whether the Whitehall Boulevard intersection with Salisbury Avenue should be converted from a 2-way stop to a 4-way stop. The process for submitting those requests to the Traffic Commission was discussed.

Trustees’ Report

Trustees Brian Daughney and John Demaro reported on a number of topics, including Village discussions about the long-term plan for the Community Pool site and the conclusions reached by the engineer hired to assess the turf field proposal; items on the recent Finance Committee’s meeting agenda, which included discussions about the rehabilitation of Garden City’s water tower; a recent accident at Nassau Boulevard and Stewart Avenue related to speeding, and draft legislation underway to get the State to allow Garden City to install up to five speed camera in the Village; and recent personnel changes and additions at Village Hall.

Following the reports, President Abrusci opened the floor to issues from attendees, and several comments were received on a variety of topics.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the Stratford School on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary