

Minutes of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association Meeting Held On Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at Stratford School at 8 P.M.

The monthly meeting of the Garden City Estates Property Owners' Association, was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at the Stratford School cafeteria.

President Senken opened the regular business meeting by asking Colby Allsbrook to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Senken then presented the Mort Yuter/Jerrie Newman scholarship to Brian Bingham a senior at Regis High School. Megan Galioto was the other recipient of the scholarship.

President Senken began the Committee Reports.

Library Report

Randy Colahan, handed out the Library Committee and focus group reports to those in attendance. He also stated that the Library has also been working with the Friends of the Garden City Library to increasing funding. The Library has formed various focus groups including those containing young residents to obtain suggestions for improving Library services.

School Board

Laura Hastings began by thanking the residents for voting for the School budget. The budget passed with 74% approval. Also, the Middle School was designated as a 2014 Essential Elements School to Watch. It was 1 of only 3 schools in the State to receive the award. The construction projects at the various schools are near completion. In addition, a 9/11 Memorial was added to the front of the High School including some plantings and a piece of steel from the World Trade Center. There will be a ceremony in the Fall.

President Senken gave an update on some traffic issues:

- The 4 way stop signs at the intersection of Salisbury Avenue and Kensington Road was completed.
- The proposal to add turn signals at the intersection of Nassau Blvd. and Stewart Avenue was submitted to Nassau County.
- Concerned residents sent a letter to the Traffic Commission requesting a stop sign at the intersection of Whitehall Blvd and Kensington Road after a Garden City high school student was hit by a car.
- Several residents at the meeting spoke about the issue and stated that the police department should increase enforcement of traffic laws around the high schools.

President Senken proceeded to read a letter from Meghan Galiotta, one of the recipients of the Mort Yuter/Jerie Newman scholarship. She thanked the POA for recognizing her.

President Senken also read an email received from a resident who asked if the POA would have a presence at a variance hearing regarding the expansion of an auto body shop near the Tanners Pond Road underpass.

Trustee's Report

Trustee John DeMaro reported that the Village began a repaving project along Stratford Avenue and that the Senior Center project was ongoing and that 3 of the proposals were over the Village budget. Trustee DeMaro concluded by stating that the former Social Services building will be converted to the new Family Court.

This was the final meeting of the 2013/2014 year. The next meeting will be held at the Stratford School on Wednesday, September 11, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Bommarito
Secretary