

## **11/3/11 GABA Board and General Membership Meetings Minutes (Annual Dinner Meeting)**

**Present at Board Meeting:** Ronda Hall, Jan Earl Woods, Sue Hefner, Barb Hogarth, Kay Conklin, Kathy Stanton, Jean Waden.

**Present at General Membership Meeting:** Above members + George Waden, Frank Conklin, Chuck Hefner, Tim Woods, Rick Vojvodic, The Riddleys, and The McKellips

Absent Board Members: Tim Simpson

**Minutes:** The meeting minutes dated 10/17/11 were approved.

**Correspondence:** No report

**Membership:** So far, we have 9 members new to GABA, 4 members who have been members in the past, but not this past year, and 13 returning members. Membership forms are still coming in. Ronda Hall introduced the outgoing board, and nominees for the empty seats. Jean Waden for VP, Kathy Stanton for trustee, and Barb Hogarth for secretary. By written ballot, these three nominees were elected to their respective seats at this meeting.

**Glenn Square:** Kay and Sue could use some help with the park. Upkeep and planning, etc. Kay presented the 3 different park structure/gazebo plans that architect Chris Allen drew up for the association, free of charge. Thank you, Chris.

Plan #1: 10 x 10 gazebo with field stone pillars constructed on top of the cement pad already present at the park. Estimated materials only cost: \$5900.00

Plan #2: Same central structure, but with pergolas added.

Plan #3: 16 x 24 gazebo to cover most of the cement pad. No electric inside. Estimated materials only cost: \$13,000.00.

Now that we have color drawings of the 3 plans, we will start thinking about fundraisers to help reach our goal to get started on this project.

There was discussion about general park costs. Porta potty maintenance, mowing and fertilizing, upkeep of benches and tables, etc. No membership monies are used for park upkeep or proposed building. All Glenn Square Funds come from donations.

The most recent park cleanup went well. The local Girl Scouts helped out, and we thank them for that. Next week, Bob Levine will be replacing the diseased trees that we had removed. Thank you to Ronda Hall and Kathy Stanton who donated the trees.

**Website:** We will be updating the site as new members come on board. We will also be posting more local events.

**Brochure:** Ronda talked about the brochures and rack cards that GABA produced for its membership. 5000 copies of the brochure, and 1200 copies of the rack card. We may adjust numbers in the future, but we hope to continue to produce these marketing items yearly at no additional charge to our members over and above membership dues.

**Summer Fest:** Kay and Ronda had hoped to meet with the Community Center to see if it would like to take over sponsorship of the Summer Fest. The Community Center's meeting plate has been full, however, so they were asked to postpone. GABA maintains park liability insurance, so its only official future Summer Fest involvement will be to approve park usage for the event.

**Local Events and Meetings:** This will be a new topic at future GABA meetings to help inform our membership about other events happening in the area.

Glenn Community Center sponsored collection for Thanksgiving Baskets to help families in need is taking place at The Glenn Store, At Last, Gerstner Hardware, and Conklin Real Estate. The last day for donation is Friday, November 18.

Circle of Lights holiday celebration will start at 5PM on Friday, November 25, in and around Glenn and the Glenn Square.

**Village Post Office:** The Village Post office is up and running at Gerstner Hardware. PO Boxes, forever stamps, and flat rate postage boxes are available. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wed., November 16 from 4-6 pm .

**Treasury:** No report

An email update was read about Ken Zecklin's condition. He is at Spectrum hospital recovering from several heart attacks and several strokes.

The next GABA board meeting will be on Monday, November 21, at 6:30 at the Conklin building.

### **GABA Board**

President: Jan Earl Woods (Earl's Farm Market)

Vice President: Jean Waden (Homebodies of West Michigan)

Treasurer: Sue Hefner (At Last)

Secretary: Barb Hogarth (Blue Star Studio of Wood and Glass)

Trustees: Tim Simpson (Tim Simpson Carpentry)

Kathy Stanton (Stantall Studio)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**GABA Board Meeting:** Monday, November 21 at 6:30 at the Conklin Building

**Circle of Lights:** Friday, November 25 at 5:00, in and around downtown Glenn and the Glenn Square