

5/17/10 GABA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Kay Conklin, Mike Kirsch, Rick Vojvodic, Helen Hutchins, Ken Zecklin, Rich Barr, Barb Hogarth

Absent Board Member: Tim Simpson

Meeting called to order at 6:45.

Minutes: April board meeting minutes approved.

Membership: Barb sent email notice of the one time per business partial year dues discount offer to 14 lapsed members, and **McIntosh Cellars** is the only business that replied. Welcome back to McIntosh.

Correspondence: Received invite to South Haven Chamber's monthly after hours event at Lawn Boys, Inc. on Thursday, May 20th, 5-7 pm. An invite to a scholarship event sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Haven. All members received introductory and informational letter from Homebodies of Western Michigan. An invite to the annual Celebration hosted by the South Haven Chamber...event to take place Thursday June 3.

Township: No report.

Park: The May social at Blue Star Wood and Glass brought in \$64.00 for the Glenn Square. The next social is sponsored by At Last, and will be in the park on Thursday, June 10. We discussed rain location for the park socials, and the storage facility is available if needed.

We still need a sponsor for the September social.

The porta potty is in place, and will stay until mid to late October. The cost will be 75.00/month, 1/2 of which will be covered by GABA's park fund. Conklin Real Estate, At Last, and Gerstner Hardware had agreed to pick up the other 1/2, but, at the meeting, the The Glenn offered to cover that half on its own. Thank you very much to the restaurant!

The sprinkler system is not yet on. Rick will work on that.

Kay and Rich discussed a plan to have a farm market in the Glenn Square. 10 booth maximum, with food and flowers only. Tentatively, Thursdays from 8-12 in June, July, August, and, potentially, into September. Rich will map it out on paper so potential participants will have a better view of the layout. \$20.00/booth/week. The collected funds will go toward advertising, and to the park fund for continued upkeep and improvements. We will open space and booth location to GABA members first, then to non members after May 24. Barb will send out email notice to members.

Website: Live! Check it out! Barb sent notice to members to check individual listings for any glitches. We did receive another Wisnet invoice, so Mike's going to try to find out if we're still responsible for that bill now that they do not host our website.

Advertising: Barb received a request for 100 GABA brochures from the Capitol Tour and Information Service, so she sent those out.

Kathy Stanton will present an informational talk on marketing, website use, etc. after our general

meeting in June.

Mike mentioned that Rachael from the South Haven Chamber has also offered to present a business skills discussion. We may ask her to speak at the next general meeting after June.

Summer Fest: The South Haven Chamber has also offered to assist with the Summer Fest in any way that we might need. Vicki Amberg has forwarded some marketing/advertising information. Kay will contact Rachael at the South Haven Chamber to see if she could help us work on organizing some sort of running race for Summer Fest day. The next organizational meeting is Tuesday, May 25, at 6:30 at Seymour House.

Treasurer's Report: Mike will email the report to the board.

***Next **Board meeting:** Monday, June 21, **6:00 pm (note time change for this meeting)**
General Membership meeting at 6:30, which will be followed by a
Marketing discussion by Kathy Stanton at 7:00pm ***
All will take place at the Conklin Building

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

GABA board:

President: Tim Simpson (Tim Simpson Carpentry)
Vice President: Vacant
Treasurer: Mike Kirsch (Seymour House B & B)
Secretary: Barb Hogarth (Blue Star Studio of Wood and Glass)
Trustees: Ken Zecklin (KZ Small Engine Repair)
Rick Vojvodic (R & N Services)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Summer Fest organizational meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 6:30, at Seymour House
Glenn Square Social: Thursday, June 10, 6-8 pm at the Glenn Square
GABA board meeting: Monday, June 21, **6:00** pm at the Conklin Building
GABA general membership meeting: Monday, June 21, 6:30 pm at the Conklin Building
GABA sponsored marketing discussion: Monday, June 21, 7:00 pm at the Conklin Building
Glenn Summer Fest: Saturday, July 24, 10-5, in, and around, the Glenn Square