

6/20/11 GABA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Ronda Hall, Jan Earl Woods, Sue Hefner, Barb Hogarth, Kathy Stanton, Helen Hutchins.

Absent board members: Tim Simpson, Kay Conklin

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.

Minutes: Board meeting minutes dated 5/16/11 were approved.

Membership: One new member. Welcome to **Grace of Douglas** assisted living and nursing facility. Membership stands at 30.

Correspondence: The Allegan County News. An announcement from the City of Fennville concerning the July 4 parade.

Township/Fire Dept.: No report

Treasury Report: Sue would like to defer presentation of the proposed budget until the next meeting. Available GABA general funds: \$660.90. Available Glenn Square Funds: \$2397.86

Marketing: Website: Not up to date at the moment. Due to weather issues et al, Kathy is still trying to get some good new photos for the site. She has some, but will take more. **Brochures and Rack Card:** We've had good distribution and good comments.

The Glenn Square: Vicki made the requested changes to the "Rules of Usage", and we now need to attach the logo and display the form. We will also have it down loadable from the website. Kay will be the phone contact person for usage sign ups.

The Master Gardener program apparently no longer offers to have its students work on gardens for practice, so no help there. Sue has a kids' group lined up to work on cleanup, and there will be a crew to cleanup the park before Summer Fest.

Socials: Homebodies has offered to sponsor the July Glenn Square Social. Thank you, Homebodies! We still need sponsors for the rest of the year. It was decided that whoever sponsors the monthly social will take the trash to Gerstner's dumpster. June's social brought in \$66.00 for the park.

Porta Potty: A maintenance schedule is in place. No further discussion on painting or building an enclosure to "hide" it.

Sprinklers: Spring maintenance has been done, and they are turned on.

Proposed structure: It was suggested that the proposed plan, or working plan, be posted at socials and at Summer Fest. If people see the plan, or know that a plan is in development, they might feel inclined to donate money toward the structure. However, it was also discussed that there can be no strings attached to any donation....no requests for a particular modification or addition.

Trees: Ronda and Kathy were having their own diseased trees sprayed, so Marcel from Midwest Groundcovers also sprayed the trees in the park. No guarantee either way that trees will survive.

Discussion about removing the diseased trees now vs. waiting until Fall when new ones can be planted. The issue was tabled as Kay has more information on the cost of removal, etc., and she is not present.

Summer Fest: July 16. Booths from 10-5. Chicken dinner from 4-6. Music probably noonish to 5 pm or so. Jan will coordinate with The Glenn for the dinner. Tickets will be 8.00 ea, and will be pre sold. The Glenn will also provide for the pancake eating contest. The street will not be closed, so we

will have to put out pylons, etc. to slow down cars. Jan reserved a tent for participants. Sue says she has 9 vendors lined up. Rick Vojvodic has arranged for antique tractors to be along the road. There was a discussion about discontinuing GABA sponsorship of this event after this year. It has never developed into the member oriented event we had hoped. As a purely social event, it should be turned over to the community....whether that be an organization, an individual or group of individuals. We need to make our intentions known to the community at large as soon as we make that decision, so someone else can pick up the ball and run with it, and have a year to organize.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. The next GABA board meeting will be Monday, July 18 at 6:30 at the Conklin Building.

GABA Board:

President: Ronda Hall (Stantall Studio)

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

Treasurer: Sue Hefner (At Last)

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

Trustees: Kay Conklin (Conklin Real Estate)

Tim Simpson (Tim Simpson Carpentry)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Glenn Square Social: Thursday, July 14, 6-8 pm at the Glenn Square.

Summer Fest: Saturday, July 16 from 10-6 in downtown Glenn

GABA Board Meeting: Monday, July 18, 6:30 at the Conklin building.