

Upper Greenwood Lake Property Owners Association
Board of Trustees Public Meeting Minutes June 18, 2022

Becker, Heather	P	Gianniotis, Terry	P	Quirk, Andrew	E
Culhane, Margie	P	Jones, Jim	E	Sarnowski, Karen	E
Decina, Dennis	P	Klimek, Kylie	P	Zielinski, Gary	P
Donoghue, Paul	P	Manzo, Rene	P		
Engleman, Lauren	P	Morrison, Debra	P	Open seat	
Grayson, Doug	E	Nicosia, Jessica	P	Open seat	
Giannantonio, Anthony	E	Pyle, Selena	E	Open seat	

P = Present E = Excused A = Absent

Attorney Present: James Romer

Members present: 39

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Dennis Decina.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members of the Board intro introduced themselves.

Remarks from the President:

Dennis Decina welcomed everyone.

Eagles – the eaglets are thriving, and a reminder to please stay out of the area. The penalty for failing to protect the eaglets is a fine of \$250,000. Since they hatched earlier this year, it is expected they will also be fledged earlier, so please be patient. Dennis requests that everyone get the word out to please refrain from personal fireworks during the 4th July holiday weekend.

Office – this is an extremely busy time for the office staff, so please be polite and patient, and remember that they are only following the rules, they don't make them. We have someone covering email and correspondence while the office manager will be on vacation.

Easement open session new meeting hours – the Board will begin the monthly board meetings earlier starting in July at 6:30pm, so please be advised that the **easement open session will now be at 6:15pm**. Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Reminder that Sunday June 26th is the fishing derby.

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Committee reports:

BEACH – Kylie Klimek

The current Newsletter is available on the front table by the office. It includes the calendar, lessons, contacts, etc. and the beach hours. You can also sign up for eblasts or follow Beach on social media. Earlier and later hours have been added to the schedule so check the new opening and closing times. The beach entrance has been moved back to its original location, the gate by parking lot. Lifeguards are in red and gate guards are in blue. Gate guards will now be CPR and first aid trained.

Beach will report closings on Instagram, Facebook, and by office eblast.

Important dates: June 22nd opens full time, June 28th swim lessons start, Monday and Wednesday activities for the kids (crafts, ice cream social), July 1st bonfire with DJ (byob), July 23rd hot dog roast, August 6th Music Under the Stars, movie nights on the beach TBD. There are more events to come.

CLUBHOUSE – Gary Zielinski

The Committee continues to work away on various CH needs and projects, including paving and marking the parking lot, drywall painting, upgrading kitchen equipment, bathroom repair/replacement items, just to name a few.

ACTIVITIES – Heather Becker

So far this year the vendor fair, Paint Fusion activity, Movies Under the Stars, Easter Brunch, etc. have all been very popular and successful. New events are coming up so please get on the email blast through the office or sign up on the website, and follow the UGLPOA Facebook page for Activities announcements and schedule.

Club Sports will begin after July 4th, with volleyball on Sundays, Cornhole on Tuesdays, and Horseshoes on Thursdays.

Activities to come - Breakfast with Santa will return, hoping to host another Paint Fusion activity to benefit the wildlife refuge Last Resort, and there will be another comedy show later in the year. The committee is working to revive UGL day to its former glory. Don't forget that the last Friday of every month from 6-9pm the Clubhouse is open for the free social called Fun Fridays. Feel free to bring food and byob.

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The Committee has a wonderful group of volunteers. If anyone wants to join or has ideas for activities, the Committee meets at the Clubhouse on the third Thursday of each month.

POA FINANCIAL UPDATE – Jessica Nicosia, Treasurer

The budget is on track and we are placed well for future inflation, etc. This year we have the highest ever number of POA members. The audit has been completed for 2020, and we are working on the contract for 2021.

SECURITY – Kenny Hall

The State checked up on us regularly last summer and complimented the community for their behavior in protecting the eagles. Complaints so far this summer are that kayak and paddleboard users are getting too close to shore where the eagles are, and there should be no anchoring or boating in that marked area. Residents of Audubon should go in and out of the cove slowly. The eaglets were born earlier this year so perhaps we will be able to open the area a bit earlier this year.

The State Boating Commission has approved a rule requiring PFDs for kayakers and SUPs, but it has not yet been approved by the legislature. A kayaker who wasn't wearing a life jacket recently drowned in Monksville. We expect the new rule to be coming eventually, and UGL must abide by State of New Jersey boating regulations. There is a new law regarding jetskis that children cannot ride in front of the driver, and if children are not tall enough that their feet touch while riding behind the driver, they are not allowed to ride.

WMPD will be here this summer, so be sure to have your license, registration, safety certificate, and UGL stickers at hand. Boats with no sticker will be subject to a safety inspection. The State Police may be checking anchored boats for proper PFDs and safety equipment.

UGLPOA requires boaters to have their New Jersey Boating Safety Certificate, but will also accept a Coast Guard Captain's License or NASBLA approved boating course.

Do not let anyone drive your vessel if they do not have these documents. Jetskis are required to have the owner on the vessel. Three memberships were terminated last summer due to unlicensed drivers on vessels.

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QUESTIONS -

Libby Sukoff comments on erosion on her property from the speed of the boats and their wakes. The board is mindful of erosion issues. Referred to Heather (Bulkheads) for monitoring and follow-up.

Julia Held comments that we pay taxes for lakefront property that we own (Parklands) but nobody can walk on it, and suggests we change the charter. Paul refers it to the Easement Meeting in the fall as this is an easement concern.

Beverly Ollearo says that boaters coming in after dark and headlights from their cars disturb residents who live there without realizing how their lights shining on houses are impacting other people.

Roman and Vera Matula, members for 32 years, comment on safety issues at Dover Cove. Now that the boulders are gone from the Lakeshore Drive area, people launch their jetskis after dark and race. (Boulders were removed so the Fire Dept can draw water from that location.) He has flashing light on his dock but is still very concerned about it. He suggests the FD use the area that has the stream, it would be easier to secure.

WEEDS – Rene Manzo

Treating started at the beginning of May and takes about 30 days to work, so in Dover we will have to address again. He describes the challenge as kill the weeds, get algae/kill the algae, get weeds. For the past 3 years we have treated algae blooms. We would like to do weed harvesting, but the machine only goes down 3 feet so it's more like mowing grass, but at least takes out nutrients that act like fertilizer. That can be vicious cycle, however. It costs \$1,000 to deliver the machine, \$2,000 per day to use the machine, and then extra for the trucks to haul it away. It's a big project.

QUESTIONS –

Regarding the chemicals to control weeds – is there a period of time we should not go in the water? Rene answers that fluoridone no restrictions except for irrigation. Algae is a low concentration, so there are no restrictions for that either.

Comment about two dead ash trees – Board will follow up.

Is there are rule about ATVs and motorcycles – people come from the bar and drive at night on the ice, sometimes 3am. They cross over an area with no bulkhead and it's

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causing damage. Paul Donoghue (Legal Chair) advises that it is illegal to operate motorcycles or cars on the ice at all and you should call the WMPD. ATVs can operate within state law with no restriction. They must be registered and insured, and wearing life jackets is now required while operating on the ice. This winter WMPD wrote about 20 tickets near the bar.

Jim Lyons, member of the Environmental Committee, compliments the board for donating their time and remarks how well run this organization is, especially compared to others he knows.

Paul Donoghue reminds everyone about the POA budget meeting and elections on Sunday, August 21st at 10am in the Clubhouse.

The annual Easement budget vote will be Sunday, November 6th at 10am.

Meeting adjourned by Dennis Decina at 11:09a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Culhane, Secretary