

TOWN OF LONG BEACH  
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES 10-7-19

1. Call to order

The workshop meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Members in attendance: Pete Byvoets, Mike Gorman, Rich Jercich, Bob Lemay, Nick Meyer, Anita Remijas, Doug Wickstrom

Absent members:

Attorney Chris Willoughby is not present.

3. Workshop

A. Amendments to Beach Preservation Ordinance and Deletion of 154.091

Bob Lemay explained that numerous comments were submitted to the APC. Bob begins going through the sections of the Ordinance.

Chapter 154.206: Bob Lemay reads the section out loud.

This section addresses stairs coming off seawalls. There is uncertainty that any were permitted by the Town, DNR, Army Corps of Engineers. Concern is stairs extending onto the beach, debris on the public trust, impinging on people traversing on public property.

John Mengal of 1508 Lake Shore Drive asked if this section solely addressed seawalls. Bob Lemay responded that this section covers seawalls.

Mary O'Neil of 1532 Lake Shore Drive wanted to read comments submitted by Michael Knight. Bob Lemay responded that written comments were received and will be taken back to Town Attorney. A draft Ordinance will be published week from today.

Jane Ford of 1600 Lake Shore Drive made note of written comments submitted.

Secretary Meg Collins stated hard copies of submitted comments will be available in Clerk's Office.

Tom King of 2301 Florimond Drive asked if the Town will get legal opinion on what authority the Town has to issue any permit on property that homeowner and Town does not own, on public trust. Tom would like ownership addressed, not jurisdiction.

James Dehner of 2300 Fairway Drive asked about the Town trying to enforce what is State right, express consent from the state to make rules, regulation.

Bob Lemay reads the next section of the Ordinance out loud. The Town has properties where there is a big shelf and no seawall. Idea of Ordinance is to allow homeowners to build stair onto dune to minimize destruction of dune.

Bob Lemay reads section D out loud, addressing cost to homeowner for destroying dunes. Weep holes, sewer project, and storm sewers were briefly mentioned. Storm sewers would be paid for by the street department.

Tim Perry of 1802 Lake Shore Drive asked what is considered dune, and asked Board to look at stop 18. Seems to be no dune preservation.

John Mengal of 1508 Lake Shore Drive asked about walking across dune grass. Bob Lemay responded that Michigan City encourages homeowners to share paths to beach from homes.

Bob Boyce of 2926 Lake Shore Drive stated that half of Long Beach has dunes and the other half does not. Bob believes there are two separate issues.

APC Board comments:

Nick Meyer thanked residents for comments submitted and Rich Jercich for walking the shoreline and trying to document what was there. Nick summarized goals of Ordinance. Nick also mentioned items that he would like Chris Willoughby's input on.

Pete Byvoets briefly discussed the Topography Ordinance in relation to this Ordinance. Definition of dune and DNR participating in process were discussed. DNR regulates the public trust. Town is waiting for decision from DNR on how they plan to participate in this process.

Rich Jercich walked the beach and stated there are too many issues that have been brought up and Board needs to do some work with DNR, Army Corps before it can move forward.

Bob Lemay asked for a motion to adjourn but first made a few announcements. The APC will take all comments and meet with Attorney Willoughby. A draft will be published by October 14, 2019. The next regularly scheduled APC meeting is October 21, 2019.

Tim Perry of 1802 Lake Shore Drive asked why the Board is rushing. The Board made a commitment, but for what reason.

Bob Boyce of 2926 Lake Shore Drive asked what the difference is between destroying bottom of dune and top. Bob commented the Town should not allow company's building homes on hillside to take sand that is excavated off the top and

then sell it. The sand could be used to nurture other places. Bob Lemay responded that this sand removal is something to look into.

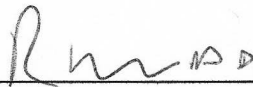
Mary Lou McFadden of 2714 Duffy Lane asked for a copy of the photos Rich Jercich took. Nick Meyer responded that copies will be on the Town website tomorrow.

Bob Lemay made two announcements. Firstly that political signs are not to go on Town property or in the right of way. Signs are permitted ten feet from the pavement, 15 feet for Lake Shore Drive. Secondly, the sign placed in the Community Center advertising the Long Beach Community Alliance fundraiser has been taken down. The sign is considered temporary and can be put on the bulletin board 48 hours prior to the event and taken down within 24 hours after the event.

#### 4. Adjournment

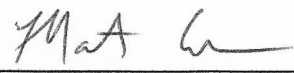
Motion to adjourn by Doug Wickstrom, seconded by Pete Byvoets. The meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:  
APC Chairman Bob Lemay



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APC Secretary Margaret Collins



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