

Long Beach Land Conservation Committee
April 4, 2018

Attendees:

David Hoppe

Joy Schmidt

Dr Juhasz

Martha Maust

Meeting in Room 2 in the Community building called to order at 4:35PM by Dr Juhasz.

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Old Business:

Discussed the possibility of a tree ordinance for the Town of Long Beach. Tree protection could be for legacy trees due to their value for public or private trees. David will obtain the tree ordinance from Michigan City and consider at the next meeting.

Discussion was had about the cons about passing the ownership of public lands to a nonprofit. Joy will question the new city attorney, Chris Willowby about the possibility of creating a trust to hold these lands for the public in perpetuity.

Discussed the possibility of having a public meeting with information about proper planting and care of trees. David will contact Brian to see if he would be interested to make a presentation. We'd also possibly have Rep Scott Pelath pass out trees for attendees and share pamphlets about the gypsy moth infestation.

Martha will speak with Bob Mueller, a representative of a hiking club based in New Buffalo, Michigan. Their club meets on a regular schedule to hike in the community and we'd like to encourage them to

hike in Moon Valley. We would also like to schedule a hike with this committee in the future.

Bob Lemay will recommend Paul Fithian become a member of this committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Maust