

August 9, 2017
Land Conservation Committee of Long Beach
Room 2 Long Beach Community Center

Present:

David Hoppe
Joy Schmidt
Annabelle Juhasz
Kevin Higdon
Martha Maust

Meeting called to order at 4PM.

There had been a previous meeting involving David Hoppe, Joy Schmidt, Pete Byvoets, with Kim Ferraro to discuss Moon Valley and the Long Beach property surrounding Moon Valley. A recommendation came from that meeting with a consensus that Long Beach could transfer ownership of those land parcels to Save the Dunes which would place the land in a protected status from future development.

A motion to recommend transfer of those parcels to Save the Dunes, but it was decided to put the motion on hold until Save the Dunes could review the idea and have determined whether they can accept the Long Beach land. Another consideration was that we would recommend in the agreement, that if STD did take possession of the property, Save the Dunes would be required to return the land back to Long Beach if possession of the property no longer fit into their plan.

This committee is interested to replace the member who has left and Brian Kanyer was recommended for this position. Martha was aware that he has other commitments that wouldn't allow him to attend a meeting on Wednesday at 4pm. So recommendation was made to change the time of the meeting to 430PM to accommodate Brian. So the next meeting of this committee will be held on September 6th at 430PM.

Martha presented information about the gypsy moth. This is an invasive non-native moth that has infested the Long Beach area and the moth will defoliate hardwood trees. Since Long Beach has a high concentration of hardwood trees, it is vulnerable and the effects of the moth could be devastating. There are only funds available from the federal government for the leading edge of this moth. So the only alternative is to locate

funding from local entities. It also seems that to attack this problem, it would be beneficial to cooperate with neighboring towns and the county. Martha will continue to research this issue to see if some treatment is feasible or necessary.

Kevin has checked the new path work that was performed by Danny Thalman for his Eagle Scout project. He states that it is important for the public to be aware of the path, so he is planning to do some trimming of brush at the entrance of the path. This committee also agreed that the Park Board should be contacted about ongoing maintenance of the trails.

This committee agrees that it is important for the long term care and protection of these properties owned by the Town of Long Beach, that there is a campaign to make people aware of this valuable resource. Dr. Juhasz recommended that we request that The Beacher write an article about the Eagle project to create trails and that the trails are open for public use. Dr. Juhasz states that she will attempt to contact The Beacher and will recommend that they interview Danny Thalman and Kevin Higdon about this project.

Danny Thalman is scheduled to present his Eagle Scout project to the next APC meeting on August 21 at 7PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Maust