

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes from 08.25.2020
Long Beach virtual meeting, 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:05pm by Kendra Bartlett, reminder that Park Board meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6pm (go to longbeachin.org for sign in and all other Town of Long Beach information)(email longbeachparkboard@gmail.com).
- * Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Zach Neff, Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt (approximately 5 other participants joined the virtual meeting).
- * Approval of Minutes from July 2020 meeting, motion Zach Neff, second Joy Schmitt.
- * Proposed 2021 Park Board Budget (Joy Schmitt): 2021 proposed budget presented. Park Board will come in at budget for 2020.
- * Beach Garden Club update (Beverly Gallagher): Mention of recent Beacher article thanking Park Board re: irrigation system. Note: irrigation system was temporarily disarmed, likely accidentally by someone attempting to use the main switch for lighting at the tennis/pickle ball courts. The utility pole where switches are located is now clearly marked, Do Not Use This Lever (irrigation). The lighting was recently restored to the tennis/pickle ball courts and hopefully the signage will allow users to locate the correct switch for lighting. And, four trees have been taped and marked diseased and/or dangerous, after examination by Ms. Gallagher and an arborist. Upcoming 08.27.2020 meeting of the Beach Garden Club will decide what improvements will be made using balance of monies not yet utilized during 2020. Note: Beach Garden Club meetings take place April through September, 4th Thursday of the month, 1pm, at the Community Center or recently refurbished Pavilion, unless otherwise indicated.
- * Pickle ball/basketball court Rehab (Anita Remijas): Per Jon Anderson of Arnt Paving, he continues to wait for concrete excavation estimates from 2 companies in IN and 2 companies in MI. Estimates have been received for paving, color coding, replacement of basketball equipment; however, Mr. Anderson prefers to submit a complete estimate for the job.
- * DNR Public Trust Ownership (Zach Neff): In response to calls & emails about a large tree washed up at Stop 25, reminder that DNR/Public Trust ownership starts at Natural Ordinary High Water Mark. Long Beach Park Board covers 40' wide at each stop property. When contacted DNR advised tree would not be removed, rather wait for nature to take its course.
- * Metal Stairs at Stops 26 and 30 (Kendra Bartlett): Work on the metal stairs has been delayed due to supply issues but should start within the next few weeks (Stop 30, then Stop 26).
- * Park Board Funds for Stop 24/Finance Committee (Joy Schmitt): Park Board provided \$60,000 to Stop 24/Finance Committee. This money comes from work that cannot be completed in 2020 at three stops: 21, 23, 29.
- * Proposed removal of cottonwood trees at Stop 16 (Zach Neff): There is a grove of several healthy cottonwood trees just west of Stop 16. A few years ago an arborist (at the request of the Park Board) examined the trees and approximately \$2500 was spent to trim and wire the trees. There is no concern that these trees pose any safety issues.
- * General Public Comment: Mr. CJ Dempsey, owner of the house at Stop 16 who is concerned about a few of the cottonwood trees, specifically debris on his roof & deck and that the trees hang over his property line. Zach Neff met with Mr. Dempsey prior to the board meeting and

reiterated that he is within his rights to trim whatever is over his property line. Neighbor Joe O'Neil supports Mr. Dempsey because he sees the debris on his roof & deck, and Mr. O'Neil was reminded that Mr. Dempsey has not been stopped from trimming back the trees over his property. Town position is that it will not facilitate the removal of any of the cottonwood trees at Stop 16, which trees absorb many gallons of water (there is no storm drain at Stop 16). Ms. Janice Brown asked about a Long Beach Tree Ordinance (current status: presented to the Town Council by the Land Conservation Committee and pending before Town Council). Ms. Brown stated her support for the Carry In/Carry Out program implemented by the Park Board after the Town Council voted to remove Beach Stop toters in fall/winter 2020; and, further advised she will forward to Zach Neff information and research re: Change Management.

- * Adjourned 6:39pm, motion Kendra Bartlett, second Joy Schmitt.
- * Next Park Board meeting: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6pm (virtual).

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Remijas
Recording Secretary

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