

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes from 11.30.2020
Long Beach virtual meeting, 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:03pm 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 9 other participants joined the virtual meeting).
- * Approval of Minutes from October 2020 meeting, motion Anita Remijas, second Joy Schmitt. Please note that this meeting is a consolidation of November/December 2020 meetings, per Park Board approval at the October 2020 meeting.
- * Beach Garden Club Update (Janice Brown): Janice encourages residents to use the Pavilion; it is a wonderful place for outside get togethers, especially in Covid times. A tree fell near the tennis courts (Kendra Bartlett will contact Tom Dolph, Streets). The gardens have been “put to bed” for the winter, although BGC meets over the winter making plans for 2021.
- * Pickleball/Basketball/Tennis Courts (Anita Remijas): Resident Norm Bruemmer continues to advocate for more pickleball courts and mentions that the East tennis court (nearest the Pavilion) would be better suited to pickleball courts than the area closest to the Community Center, noise being a primary concern. Four pickleball courts could take the same position as one tennis court. Park Board will look at Michiana Village Park pickleball courts for comparison. Reminder that tennis courts are jointly owned by Long Beach Country Club & Town of Long Beach. It would be difficult to reserve pickleball courts just for Long Beach residents; there are “general” rules similar to tennis: paddles are placed on fences or flower boxes, and groupings are beginner, intermediate & advanced. Jon Anderson, Arnt Paving, continues to be periodically contacted for discussion.
- * Stop Updates (Zach Neff): Stop 18, dune grass installation is completed, signage placed to stay off & allow grass to grow for one year. Stop 26 metal stairs, completed and holding up well to weather (metal as opposed to wood). Stop 30 metal stairs, completed and holding up well to sand. Joy Schmitt (member of Building Commission): Stops 21, 23, 29, waiting for Stop 21 engineering in combination with Stop 21 Club & house to the west. Stops 23 & 29 continue to be out of commission. Stop 28, no further work is planned and will stay as is until Stop 29 work is completed. Per Joy & Kendra, no outstanding invoices (\$60,000 will be removed before 12.31.2020 for contribution to Stop 24 work).
- * Toter Removal (Kendra Bartlett/Zach Neff): Decision by Town Council made in June 2020 to remove toters and enclosures, communication with residents via Beacher, facebook and signage. Go ahead to remove enclosures, rules signs will be redone and installed for Carry In/ Carry Out, toters will be picked up. Spring/Summer 2021 communication includes additional Beacher ads, facebook and signage (similar to communications of no chairs & other items to be left at the beach two years ago). Trash Days (Zach Neff): LB history has been that it matches up removal of trash day to Michigan City but lately LB has been on its own. Zach Neff has trash bags for any residents who wish to request bags. Littering issues that might come up once people start going to the beach might include community “policing” and Long Beach Police assistance. Note that community input will be requested for different configurations of stops, once enclosures and toters have been removed (Strollers? Bicycles? Wagons?). Numerous National & State Parks follow Carry In/Carry Out & No Trace Behind/ You will be Fined.

- * Stop 16 Cottonwood Tree Work (Joy Schmitt): Joy will follow up with arborist.
- * Stop 29 (Kendra Bartlett): Ferguson Company truck hit the brick pillar and has taken responsibility, follow up to come.
- * Public Comment: Martha Maust is disappointed that toters will be removed; she often picks up trash on the beach. Reminder that Park Board is simply implementing Town Council ruling and will be looking for public input re: how to utilize the space. Discussion of yellow trash bags that could be left for pick up by Street Department. Dog excrement (bagged) will have to be carried home by owners/residents.
- * Adjourned 7:01pm, motion Kendra Bartlett, second Joy Schmitt.
- * Next Park Board meeting: Tuesday, January 26, 2020 at 6pm (virtual).

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Remijas
Recording Secretary

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