

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes from 07.27.2021
Long Beach Community Center, 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:00pm Kendra Bartlett, reminder that Park Board meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6pm (go to longbeachin.org for location and all other Town of Long Beach information)(email longbeachparkboard@gmail.com).
- * Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Zach Neff, Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt (two participants were present at the meeting).
- * Approval of Minutes from June 2021 meeting, motion Joy Schmitt, second Zach Neff.
- * New Business (Kendra Bartlett):

Meeting with landscaper for Stop 24 estimate on clean up (weeds, invasive plants, trees), Beach Garden Club/Janice Brown involvement and Save the Dunes 3 year maintenance & planting plan.

Town sign and other sign placements at Stop 24: Chief Mark Swistek requested signage (replacement), KB will reach out to Tom Dolph, Street Dept. for assistance with moving, removing, repainting some signs.

Stop 28 meeting with residents re: beach, possible removal of two dead willow trees and invasives; KB will reach out to Tree Board and contractors/Maple City Tree Company. John Wall and Tom Dolph will talk to residents re: piggyback \$\$ onto project.

Stop 20 temporarily closed due to erosion issue, "use stop at your own risk", addition of table like rock would only get covered by shifting sand and/or become wet, mossy, slippery. KB will reach out for estimate for an additional metal step.

Stop 23 shoreline rebuilding & restoration began 07.26.2021, wood from steps is in storage and will be repurposed as applicable, including metal stairs.

Budget (JS): 2022 \$75K (includes but is not limited to completion of Stop 23, Stop 24 town sign, Stop 28 redo, ADA Phase I of III ADA Park improvement; 2023 \$80K (includes but is not limited to Stop 28 redo, Stop 29 work, ADA Phase II of III Park improvement); 2024 \$80K (includes but is not limited to Stop 29 work, ADA Phase III of III Park improvements). Discussion of which department (Town Council? Street? Park Board?) is responsible for what stairs and/or stops, meetings between Street & Park Board usually defined responsibility. JS will reach out to John Kocher (PB liaison & council member), KB will reach out to Tom Dolph, Street Dept., re: how to split \$\$ responsibilities. Discussion whether more \$\$ should be added to printing/advertising (more was spent in 2021 for resident communication on toter/enclosure removal, Police Dept. promotional items). PB revenue will likely stay at \$75K/\$80K based on tax revenues. JS provided proposed budgets to Pete Byvoets, Budget Committee.

Art in the Park: September 4 Sue Keenan, JS will look for portapotty options, KB will look for food/beverage truck options, ZN will obtain print information from Sue Keenan for Beacher and fb.

Memorial requests in the Park (ZN): Requests occasionally are made for memorial benches, not something that is entertained by Town and/or Park Board. Discussion of Buy a Brick, possibly during 2022/2023/2024 phases of Park restoration.

Lakefront Life Preservers (ZN): Request by Chief Swistek for possible funding of life preserver rings, discussion of starting with a few stops funded jointly by PB and Police Department, possible grant funds available, Recovery Act funds from the government.

Stop ADA status, Stop 15 previously denied because Stop 24 had not been completed, JS follow up with Bob LeMay. Discussion, Stop 15 is steep, Stop 14 would make more sense, Stop 16 not any better, per JS idea is to get to the dune not to the beach, never the plan at Stop 24 to get to the water.

* On Going Business:

Stop 21 (ZN): discussion of work to be completed including fencing, permeable pavers, water fountain, round table (waiting for Woodruff estimates). Small gap between Stop 21 club & Town/PB area will be left as is.

Summer Camp 2021 & Community Activities (Sarah Plooster report): 200 kids registered, average of 80 campers per day (almost double typical numbers) last day 07.30.2021, Tennis Camp was full at 15 players last day 07.29.2021, survey for feedback will be sent to families. Movie in the Park was a success with 100 people viewing Toy Story (timed with Ice Cream Social). Tai Chi will start after Labor Day, other events to be planned.

Beach Garden Club (Janice Brown report): BGC on September 4 from 11am to 1pm will join Art in the Park to do Creative Kids Art & Nature in the Park in the pavilion for kids up to 10 years old, first activity under "Learn & Grow" initiative; ad hoc committee will explore rehabilitation of park gardens; working with JS re: park pathway project; working with KB re: Stop 24 cleanup and maintenance (Mota Landscaping).

Pickleball/Tennis/Basketball Courts (AR): Work done in phases is nearing completion, including repair, resurfacing and restriping.

* Adjourned 6:42pm, motion Zach Neff, second Joy Schmitt.

* Next Park Board meeting: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6pm, in person, Town Center.

* Agenda will be posted on fb.

Respectfully submitted,
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