

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes 04.26.2022
Long Beach/Town Center 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:03pm, Zach Neff. Reminder that Park Board meetings take place on the 4th Tuesday of each month, 6pm, Town Center. Go to longbeachin.org for in person and remote status and for all other Town of Long Beach information. Contact Long Beach Park Board: longbeachparkboard@gmail.com; Facebook/Meta: Long Beach (Indiana) Parks & Recreation Board, Long Beach Activities.
- * Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt, Zach Neff. Participants included LBTC liaison John Kocher, LB Camps & Activity Director Sarah Plooster, Beach Garden Club liaison Janice Brown, and ten (10) residents.
- * Approval of Minutes from March 2022 meeting, motion Joy Schmitt, second Kendra Bartlett. All are in favor of the motion, none opposed, the motion carries.
- * Stop Business (on-going, old, new)
 - Stop 16(a) Boardwalk Condition (ZN): Numerous planks on the boardwalk and platform require replacement and/or repair, residents/volunteers led by Dan Stecich will take on the project, funds are available in the PB budget. Thanks to these involved volunteers!
 - Stop 16(b) Cottonwood Grove (JS): Christian will inspect/trim the trees in tandem with a neighbor, saving time and money. Trees will continue to be monitored every other year.
 - Stop 18 lighting (ZN): Resident asked if lighting can be added to pillars using existing conduit, simply need an electrician to find light fixtures similar to other pillars (pillars are wired and ready). AR will take on project to locate lights/electrician. Fill in grasses when seasonally applicable.
 - Stop 19 damage/access (ZN): Subcontractor working on pool installation at 1900 LSD caused extensive damage (there is a contractor on the project) to the public stop/beach access. Building Commission authorized Park Board to discuss parameters re: repairs/access, PB voted to not allow access to the rear of the residence (and so advised Topiarus in writing). Town Council then voted to allow access for removal of sand and repair, using equipment, but held decision whether homeowners will be allowed access to build a pool, including heavy equipment (6) and an estimated 15 week timeline starting in September 2022 when the public access will be blocked. Park Board is against allowing this action which will again destroy the town property and will block public access to the beach for the duration of the project. PB asks that residents email TC members prior to May/June meetings to deny this pool installation access and to keep this stop beautiful & open when repair work to the initial damage is done.
 - Stop 21 (ZN): Woodruff did bulk of the work, still needs to install fencing at the top of the wall. ZN will look for contractor to complete the fencing if Woodruff cannot get it done. Fill in grasses when seasonally applicable. Remaining work includes placement of water fountain and picnic table.
 - Stop 23 (ZN): Same style fencing as Stop 21 needs to be completed, ZN will look for other contractor to complete the fencing if Woodruff cannot get it done.
 - Stop 24 (ZN): Fill in grasses when seasonally applicable. (KB) permeable pavers will be used in place of gravel. Plants have been ordered and will be delivered to Stop 24 for installation (Janice Brown supervising). Sign project has been handed over to Chief/Town Administrator Mark Swistek.
 - Stops 28 and 29 (ZN): PB has quotes/drawings for both stops. Stop 28 is functional, not dangerous. Stop 29 has been closed for almost 3 years, work to be done would include Woodruff piling. Building permits are applied for by JS, contractor is ready to go. Finances, allocation of funding, will be discussed at special upcoming meeting, which will include Stops 21 and 23 which were more expensive due to lake damage/erosion starting November 2019.

* On-going Business

(KB) Mulch for all PB areas (including Beach Garden Club) will be on site, Tom Dolph and street crew will spread mulch and reach out if assistance is needed.

Beach Garden Club (Janice Brown): First meeting is 04.28.2022, discussion of overall park plan including new septic field area. Volunteers are continuing activities discussion for Art in the Park, 07.30.2022, children discovery trail. Tree pruning in park is necessary, JB will discuss with Tom Dolph.

Camps & Activity Director (Sarah Plooster): Tai Chi will offer free classes beginning 05.10.2022 to gauge public interest. Saturday 8:30am turn up fitness class is very popular. First Saturday activities are full booked. Plans for the summer include Movie in the Park, Cookies/Canvas, hopefully something every two weeks. Interviews for camp counselors are completed, background checks in progress, training begins 06.17.2022, camp starts 06.20.2022. All information will be available on website 06.01.2022, as well as fb, hard copies at Town Center.

* Old Business

Stop 24 (and other) signs (KB): Signage project has been handed from PB to Chief/Town Administrator Mark Swistek since project became more than just Stop 24 sign replacement. All signs (7 total) will eventually match. KB/JB will research white DNR sign replacement at Stop 24 similar to Dunes National Park signage, gathered information will be given to Chief Swistek.

* New Business

Art in the Park (JS): 07.30.2022 hours are 9am to 2pm, 15 signed vendor contracts (only 3 artists per category), free Valpo Velvet ice cream truck, courtesy Park Board, 10am to 2pm. Advertising will start July 1st, including Beacher July 4th issue and each week thereafter. Art in the Park will coincide with Summer Camp/Tennis programs.

Tennis Court Bench (AR): No progress made to date re: contacting potential donor.

* General Discussion (ZN): See Stop 19, above. Funding has become an issue and more specific as responsibilities for parks, streets & tennis courts have shifted over the years, from Street Department to Park Board. Specific money requests are necessary because of the damage and subsequent repairs from storms starting November 2019. PB per JS has enough funding in its annual budget but 2021 has proven to be an exceptional year: damage to the shoreline, partnering with Woodruff.

* Public Comments: John Hosty, thank you to PB and for keeping Stop 19 (and all) residents up to date. Questions why Town would let homeowner use public space, damage it, then use it again; he and other residents will reach out to Town Council. Also questions stairs, path, difficulty carrying large items & turning. ZN states path is limited in width but will look at it.

* Adjourned 6:49pm, motion Joy Schmitt, second Zach Neff.

* Next Park Board meeting Tuesday May 24, 2022 at 6pm, Town Center.

* Agenda will be posted on Facebook/Meta.

Respectfully submitted,
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