

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes May 24, 2022
Long Beach/Town Center 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:00pm, Kendra Bartlett. 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. Information: Facebook/Meta: Long Beach (Indiana) Parks & Recreation Board, Long Beach Activities.
- * Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt (Zach Neff absent). Participants included Janice Brown (liaison, Beach Garden Club), Sarah Plooster (LB Camps & Activity Director), Amanda & Jim Ferlmann, and a few residents via zoom.
- * Approval of Minutes from April 2022 meeting, motion Joy Schmitt, second Anita Remijas. All are in favor of the minutes, none opposed, the motion carries.

* On-going Business

Stop 16 (KB) Boardwalk: thank you to residents (and Dan Stecich who appeared before PB requesting funding) who helped remove rotting board planks and replace with new; photographs show an amazing transformation! (JS) Cottonwood Grove: per May 12, 2022 report from Christian Siewert, C&A Arborists, normal amount of dead wood was pruned, cables are intact and in good working order. The trees were trimmed at the same time as a neighbor, allowing for reduced cost.

Stops 21, 23, 24: Dune grass will be planted during the week at these three stops by Deane, dune grass expert. Tom Dolph (Street Dept.) will maintain watering schedule. At Stop 24, Janice Brown will continue removing weeds so new plants can be planted and will work with Chief Swistek and PB to make public requests for volunteers to assist in the weeding/ planting projects. Maple City Tree has reviewed park tree trimming and removal of dead trees, estimate to follow.

Beach Garden Club Update (Janice Brown): Janice Brown, PB Treasurer Joy Schmitt and LB Town CPA Helen Sheridan met to review process for purchases and reimbursement. April 2022 meeting was program featuring Ann Marischen, Landscape Sales Mgr. of ServiScape, and Brian Ray, LBCC Golf Course Superintendent. May 2022 meeting celebrated the 89th year of the BGC. Moore Road is planted, thanks to Chief Swisteki, Tom Dolph & Greg Parrish for use of water near the garden and supplies (hose, hose reel, nozzle). Town Hall has new concrete planters and flowers will be planted soon. Group garden/park cleanups are every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. Partnership to be coordinated between BGC (Janice Brown) and Activities Director (Sarah Plooster) re: Art in the Park (BGC Curious Kids), Summer Camp and numerous arts events in LB. Projects which affect Parks, BGC, Tree Board and Town gardens will be documented by Janice Brown, following meeting with JB, Joy Schmitt, Chief Swistek, Tom Dolph, Greg Parrish & BGC member Leslie Meyer. Reminder that BGC meets the 4th Thursday of each month, 1pm, Community Center.

Camps & Activity Director (Sarah Plooster): Summer Camp and Tennis sign ups will be live on June 1st, Meta, Town Hall & Town website (with assistance from Meg Collins). Tennis sign ups continue to be first come, first served via sign up genius. Nine of ten counselors have been hired with 10th interview this week, drug & background testing to be completed. Training at Community Center 06.17.2022. Summer series of events every two weeks. Tai Chi is currently on hold due to instructor personal matters. Saturday activities events are well attended. Turn up class instructor will likely take maternity leave in the next few months. Per Joy Schmitt, air conditioning units at Community Center are not working, cannot be repaired and will likely mean fans and other cooling units will have to be utilized this summer.

* Old Business

Stop 28 (KB): Permit approved, work will be completed by Memorial Day weekend (including replacing, widening & adding additional upper platform per original plans).

Stop 29 (KB): Permit approved, work will begin after completion of Stop 28 (including new platform & stairs to the beach connecting to the existing upper boardwalk). Very exciting, it has been a long time since residents have had access to Stop 29.

* New Business

Stop 18 pillar/light fixture (AR): Only one pillar at Stop 18 and it needs light fixture. Tom Dolph searched various maintenance buildings, unable to locate an extra light fixture. Pat Gondeck, PG Electric, is assisting in the search for fixture similar to others on the pillars.

Tree pruning in the park (KB): See above under on-going business, Stops 21, 23, 24.

Stop 29 tree encroachment (KB): Survey is needed re: trees that may be on town property.

Stop 19 access/damage (KB): Work is starting this week to repair damage done by 1900 LSD homeowners' contractors. And, residents are asked to contact Town Council of objections to on-going beach access after area is restored.

Art in the Park (KB): July 30, 2022 from 9am to 2pm, including vendors, BGC Curious Kids, Valpo Velvet ice cream truck 10am to 2pm. KB will contact Little Giant and Farina's Bellyflop re: event.

Tennis Court Bench (AR): Reach out to Frances Cain re: status of tennis court bench donation in honor of her mother, Gloria Valentine (along with neighbor Eileen Magrini).

* Public Comments: Amanda & Jim Ferlmann are concerned about back of bench at Stop 28, specifically blocking their view and that of children coming up stairs from beach. PB advised that top of the stairs is moved farther away from LSD, bench will be 42" to match the handrails, other benches and stairs at Stops 23, 26, 29 & 30 are just as close to LSD without the benefit of a stop sign like those at Stop 28. Chief Swistek reviewed for safety and has no issues with PB design but will have tree trimming and painted stripes near stop signs done and will ask fellow police officers to monitor car traffic at stop signs.

* Adjourned 6:39pm, motion Joy Schmitt, second Kendra Bartlett

* Next Park Board meeting Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 6pm, Town Center

* Agenda will be posted on Facebook/Meta

Respectfully submitted,
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