

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes June 28, 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. Information: Facebook/Meta: Long Beach (Indiana) Parks & Recreation Board, Long Beach Activities.
- * Quorum: Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt, Zach Neff (Kendra Bartlett absent). Participants included Janice Brown (liaison, Beach Garden Club), Sarah Plooster (LB Camps & Activity Director), John Kocher (liaison, LB Town Council).
- * Approval of Minutes from May 2022 meeting, motion Joy Schmitt, second Anita Remijas. All are in favor of the minutes, none opposed, the motion carries.
- * On-going Business
 - * Stop16 (ZN) Boardwalk: Great job and thanks again to Dan Stecich and other residents who worked together to obtain permits & supplies and, with funding from Park Board, removed, replaced and repaired rotting boardwalk planks.
 - * Stops 18, 21, 23, 24 (ZN) Dunegrass: Planting by Dean Wozniak at four stops, one year warranty. Note that Stop 23 new plantings (west side) were accidentally damaged by resident who, when contacted, agreed to reimburse for replacing the dunegrass. Supt. Tom Dolph and crew have been watering all plants.
 - * Stop 19 (ZN): Access with new aluminum stairs is complete since Memorial Day weekend. Repairs of contractor-damaged landscaping have been completed. Per KB, repairs are adequate, look good. It is the hope of the Park Board members that the Town Council does not allow the contractor/pool company to again destroy the landscaping with a fifteen week estimated project with a proposed start date of September 2022. Milkweed growing into and blocking Stop 19 path has been cleared to create pathway by Supt. Dolph & crew. Foot traffic is not enough to keep the milkweed from encroaching on the path/access to & from beach. Residents presented a petition with 25 signatures asking for the removal of the milkweed, that sand be leveled and that a boardwalk be considered (like Stop 16). Per JS, topography cannot be changed, mats would slippery on the hill topography at Stop 19 (FYI grade at Stop 24 is ADA grade), milkweed cannot be removed until fall 2022. Note that no residents have asked that the milkweed not be removed. Motion by ZN 1) cannot alter sand topography; 2) no matting and/or boardwalk materials to be permitted; 3) cut back milkweed on east side to maintain 3'-4' pathway; 4) spray milkweed in fall 2022, second JS (ZN will contact main petition contact resident).
 - * Stop 21 (ZN): Sullwood quote for entire wall metal railing (including Stop 21 Club side) has been received & forwarded to Town Council, Woodruff declined to quote. Town will have to cover over PB 2022 budget (or leave red netting which is unsafe & unsightly). Water fountain at street level will be purchased & installed by Bruce Woodruff as a donation.
 - * Stop 23 (ZN): Sullwood quote for metal railing has been received & forwarded to Town Council.
 - * Stop 24 (ZN/Janice Brown): Approximately four areas have been cleared of weeds & planted, 63 plants left to go which should happen around July 4th weekend, watering by Supt. Dolph & crew.
 - * Stop 28 (ZN): Complete, handrails at bottom 3 steps are installed.
 - * Stop 29 (ZN): Due date for installation & completion of stairs is end of July 2022.
 - * Please note that by the end of year 2022 every single Long Beach stop will be functional and good to go!

- * Beach Garden Club (Janice Brown, liaison): All plantings in Town are completed (including Town Hall entrance, tennis court, Town Hall message board, Moore Road entrance and pots scattered about park). Refresh for gardens and parking area at tennis/pickleball courts to come from Stu Franzen, along with a refresh for Memorial Gardens. Funds used will be a combination of treasury & PB funds, as BGC celebrates 90th anniversary. BGC will assist summer camp directors, as the Curious Kids Discovery Trail will be part of Art in the Park on July 30th from 9am to 2pm. BGC continues to meet monthly with programs learning about the South Shore commuter rail and how to prune trees, shrubs & perennials.
- * Activities Coordinator Update (Sarah Plooster): 130 kids enrolled in 7 week summer camp program (estimate 80 per day). Summer Series includes Cupcakes & Decorating, movie in the park (Encanto), 1st Saturday art class. Turn up Fitness will be on hiatus due to instructor pregnancy but will return in the fall 2022. Note that SP salary was budgeted but did not include a full year of the position, funds should be made available at some point.
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- * Old Business:
- * Art in the Park (JS): Food truck "Fork in the Road" will be available (no charge to PB), along with Valpo Ice Cream truck from 10am to 2pm, any power/electrical issues will be assisted by Joe Jogmen (Community Center). Flyer has been prepared (thank you ZN, JY, JB, SP) and distributed, including to summer camp attendees.
- * Lighting at Stop 18 pillar (AR): Lighting fixtures have been reviewed, purchase and installation will be done by P.G. Electric, motion JS for P.G. Electric to purchase & install one light fixture at single Stop 18 pillar not to exceed \$1,500, second ZN, all are in favor of the motion, the motion carries.
- * Tree Pruning in the Park (JS): Tree pruning work is very extensive, Maple City will do the work (original estimate \$9000, reduced to \$7800 because Long Beach Country Club agreed to pay for the removal of single dead pine tree). There is a dead branch on a sycamore, JS will discuss with Supt. Dolph. Park trees, pruning/maintenance, are not in the PB annual budget but should be discussed at budget meeting on 07.26.2022.
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- * New Business:
- * 2022 Budget (ZN): Budget discussion will take place at PB 07.26.2022 meeting and should include but not be limited to Coordinator/Director annual salary, walkway in the Park, Stu Franzen rendition/drawing.
- * Stop 28 Cleanup (ZN): Thanks, Tom O'Keefe!
- * 2800 Lyndale Tree (AR): Tree is on town property in front of Norm Bruemmer residence and has been an issue for more than ten years, including town maintenance and personal maintenance by Norm Bruemmer. Issue of whether the tree should be maintained and/or removed has been handed over to Chief Mark Swistek, town administrator.
- * Pickleball request for sponge rollers (AR): Pickleball players and tennis camp have asked for two sponge rollers to maintain the courts, at a cost not to exceed \$200. Motion JS for PB to purchase two sponge rollers not to exceed \$200, second ZN, all are in favor of the motion, the motion carries.
- * Tennis Court parking/plant memorial: A memorial planter box was established approximately 20 years ago honoring Debbie Ruby Fetzer, maintained in large part by Sheila Haggerty. She has agreed that it has become difficult to maintain, plants and memorial rock will be moved to a more suitable area. The wood planter box will be removed, plan will be made for combination of parking and aesthetically pleasing design, funding to be decided with input from Chief Swistek (town administrator).
- * Tennis Court Bench (AR): No update re: resident who months ago discussed donating bench in tennis court area.
- * Dog "business" in Melrose Park (ZN): ZN will discuss issue with Chief Swistek re: person who walks two dogs and lets them do their "business" inside Melrose Park.
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- * Public Comments: Janice Brown says thank you to Town Staff for assistance with summer plantings, watering and general overall help.
- * Adjourned 6:49pm, motion Joy Schmitt, second Zach Neff
- * Next Park Board meeting Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at 6pm, Town Center
- * Agenda will be posted on Facebook/Meta

Respectfully submitted,
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