

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes April 25, 2023
Long Beach/Town Center 6pm

- * Call to Order 6:00pm, 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: Long Beach (Indiana) Parks & Recreation Board, Long Beach Activities (meta).
- * Quorum: Zach Neff, Kendra Bartlett, Anita Remijas, Joy Schmitt. Small number of remote and in person attendees.
- * Approval of Minutes from March 2023 meeting, motion JS, second KB, all in favor of the motion, none opposed the motion carries.

On-going Business:

- * Activities Coordinator (Sarah Plooster): Just a few counselors to be hired. Camp runs 06.19.2023 - 08.04.2023 (07.03-04.23 no camp). Some new activities will be added. LaPorte County Library mobile classroom is available \$10/1X per week. Ads will start Memorial Day weekend in Beacher through 07.04.2023 issue (volleyball will be included, Sarah will discuss with Ross/EVP). Turn up fitness class will not move forward, some different kind of physical activity class will be offered.
- * Beach Garden Club (Janice Brown): BGC celebrates its 90th anniversary. Kick off meeting is 04.27.2023. Community events anticipated include recycling awareness, invasive/non-invasive plants, rain gardens. Thanks to Park Board for trimming trees in the park and for \$4000 budget. Public Works Department installed Community Center playground mulch. BGC looking for collaboration with Town/Park Board/BGC. ADA path in park will start with Stuart Franzen quote, along with two others. Chief Swistek/Town Administrator obtaining quotes for repaving tennis court lot. JB asked about painting pavilion ceiling light blue, advised Tom Dolph should be involved. Stop 24 needs to be weeded (on BGC agenda). KB will meet with JB and landscaper re: initial cleanup/weeding. Next phase to be closer to beach, clean out invasives.
- * Stop Updates (ZN):
- * Stop 16: \$1000 approved: residents to complete boardwalk, repairs to platform, permit approved.
- * Stop 19: Pad and beach completed, milkweed cut back all across stop, foot traffic will keep it down, sprinklers moved, on budget.
- * Stops 21 and 23: BMF ready to install metal railings (long overdue due to factory fire), State waiver needed for no employees/no workers' compensation insurance. Per KB, no harm in getting additional estimates if BMF cannot get work done.
- * Stop 29: Work completed, on budget, rails are all solid. Issue of encroachments, Plat of Survey and Report from Thate, \$2900, 8-10 weeks out. Council approved cost, ZN will sign and get to JS.
- * Volleyball in the Park (KB): All documents to be approved and signed.
- * Beach Clean-up: Earth Day 04.22.23. Police department ATV will assist with large items and trash bag removal up to stops for town pickup. Thanks to families, kids, Park Board members, Police Department and council member Dr. LeMay.
- * Art in the Park (JS): Saturday 07.29.2023 and Sunday 07.30.2023. 16 artists currently approved, advertising for more. JS will talk to Little Giant and Bellyflop re: food. Valpo Ice Cream (big success 2022) will return from 10am to 3pm (Saturday only), food truck Saturday

and Sunday, Community Center Open House Room 14. Curious Kids activities will be timed. ZN will work on flyer with JB. JS/JB/Sue Keenan will meet re: advertising. No press needed other than Beacher, flyer, word of mouth. FYI Room 14 will soon be open to the public, Sarah Plooster will have regular hours, likely Monday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Old Business:

- * Pickleball/Tennis Court sign (AR): New sign installed, thanks Chief Swistek/Tom Dolph.
- * Tree Pruning in the Park (JS): Job completed.
- * ADA Access at Stop 15 (JS): Global Engineering proposal review. Dr. LeMay asked whether access to the sand could be included and whether ATV path could double as wheelchair/handicap path, JS will talk to Global/Jeff (would require sand accessible wheelchair which has been discussed by PB). Matching coastal grant is up to \$200K. Cost of \$15,500 (take place in 2023 #1, #2, #3), ZN motion to allocate/spend \$15,500 (assuming not more than 20% change), JS second, all in favor of the motion, none opposed the motion carries. Later phases (#4, #5, #6) depend on whether grant is obtained, Town has to be on board.

New Business: (none)

Public Comments:

- * Paul Yadron says thank you to Park Board from Stop 19 residents.

Adjourned 6:42pm, motion JS, second KB
Next Park Board meeting 05.23.2023 at 6pm, Town Center
Agenda will be posted meta

Respectfully submitted,
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