

Long Beach Park Board
Meeting Minutes from 10/9/19
Long Beach Town Hall, 6:30pm

- Call to order
- Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Kathryn De La Barre, and Jerri Massey. Ten residents were present.
- Approved August minutes
- Garden club introduced their new steering committee. They're discussing new ideas and focusing on the shade garden by the tennis courts. Getting help from Cardenas, Beachside, and Conscientious Home and Garden. Asked about the status of benches in the memorial garden, which we need to check in to.
- Park program update was submitted by Sara Plooster. Planning Tai Chi sessions to run on a trial basis and gauge resident interest. Also planning Lake Michigan cruise next summer to be offered to residents at a discounted rate.
- Request for a book box by Valeria Rentner (resident near Melrose Park). She gathered 14 signatures from residents in view of MP in support of the box. Park Board voted to move forward with the project. Joy Schmitt will check with the town to see if a permit is required. PB will check into buying the box or having it built. Box would be similar to others in the area. (see littlefreelibrary.org pictures)
- Stop updates:
 - Stop 14 - work will begin when the current project at Stop 18 is complete (weather permitting).
 - Stop 18 - in progress. Concrete and drainage complete. Decking and wood work to start next week. Concrete was defaced and had to be scrubbed out. Will look into responsible party to be held accountable for damages and resurfacing if necessary. Volunteers removed brush from the ares.
 - Stop 19 - Invasive species of Phragmite and Blue Lyme Grass have been removed, and entire area will be planted with dune grass. Contacted Save the Dunes for advice with beach grass and invasive species.
 - Stop 21 - Invasive species and weeds were removed on the stop with the coordination of Stop 21 club members. Also water logged trees and debris were removed. Stop will be rehabbed in 2020.
 - Stop 23 - Septic / stairs / driveway encroachments are interfering with stair rehab options. Building permit will be filled out to remove stairs. Metal stairs will be an option to be explored in the spring.
 - Stop 26 - Metal stairs and other options will be discussed to provide access where stairs have washed out. Will explore options in the spring.
 - Stop 28 - Will be next for rehab in spring. Discussion with residents started. Notice will be given on FB for meeting date for residents to offer input
 - Stop 29 - To be rehabbed in 2020.
- Public comment - Stop 19 has significant washout at the west side of the stairs and resident asked if anything could be done. There's washout at several stops this year since the lake is so

high. Joy indicated the streets department is evaluating draining options and alternatives for when the sewer work starts.

- Adjourned

Next meeting: 11/26/19

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