

**Long Beach Park Board**  
Meeting Minutes from 11/26/19  
Long Beach Town Hall, 6:00pm

- Call to order
- Quorum: Kendra Bartlett, Kathryn De La Barre, and Zach Neff. The number of residents present was not captured, but it was roughly 8-10.
- Approved October minutes
  - Old minutes that are not on the Long Beach website have been submitted to Deana's email.
  - We are not sure why these minutes have not been posted by the town clerk, but Zach will follow up when these minutes are submitted.
- Garden club update - provided by Bev Gallager
  - The shade garden was planted and labeling is coming.
  - The Garden Club really appreciated the good publicity in The Beacher article.
  - The next objective is to work on the Memorial Garden.
  - Laura Bolton has been a great help.
  - Year-end spending vs. budget was slightly over at \$2,400 vs. \$2,000.
    - The town clerk, B. Defuniak has stated that a small overage is fine and can be transferred from other Park Board areas.
    - Bev is going to ask Deana to keep them in the loop if spending is reaching budget and/or is going over.
- 2020 budget update -
  - The town clerk needs to start putting spending in the correct buckets this year, so it is easier to track.
  - Most bills are being paid incorrectly by Town Clerk out of Improvements budget when they were allocated and specified per park board to come out of specific categories. Categorical budgets have been incorrectly managed by town clerk's office, therefore depleting the improvements budget when dollars should be coming out of maintenance, landscaping, etc...
  - 17k for Stop 18 concrete work was incorrectly taken from Park Board budget by Town Clerk/Defuniak when it should have been taken out of Streets Dept. spending is currently all out of Park Board budget, but some should have been put into streets. These inaccuracies by Town Clerk affect our budgets and need to be addressed.
  - We will table this discussion until our January meeting.
- Book Box update –
  - A resident who lives near Melrose Park asked for a book box to be installed at the park. This is an honor system book swap / little library similar to that on LSD and Moore Rd.
  - Resident (Valorie) was going to have one built, but we are not sure of the status and we are waiting on an update.
- Tai Chi in the Community Center –
  - Tai Chi classes in the Community Center in January, were offered free by the park board after requests by resident Sue Spitler and many others. Sarah Plooster, will try and work on going relationship for classed with this instructor.

- The Park Board will cover the cost, then we will look at possibly subsidizing a portion of the cost going forward depending on the attendance.
- Stop updates:
  - Stop 18 –
    - 99.9% complete
    - Tracking on budget at ~\$25,000.
  - Stop 14 –
    - In process
    - Split rail fencing to be installed
    - We are looking at how we address the beach path relative to the dune
    - Viewing area is being discussed on the top of the dune
    - Still entertaining ideas for further improvements
  - Stop 28 –
    - Will com out of 2020 budget
    - Starting discussion with residents
    - Some items are considered a “given” and include:
      - Wider stairs
      - Similar rise and run to other improved stops (per code)
      - Possible viewing area at the top
      - Possible sitting area at the top or mid-way down
      - Picnic table if we have room
      - Parking is to be discussed as we need to define what is private and what is public
    - Tom O’Keefe, stop captain, was present and offered some thoughts
      - He would like to add a box for flyers and info on The Great Lakes Alliance. He would manage this.
      - Build stairs into sections in case we need to remove due to high water levels
    - Resident Jedelski was present
      - He had some interesting history to share and said that there are large boulders present between the ordinary high water mark and the bottom of the stairs
      - He brought letters from several residents with suggestions for Stop 28
    - 3 letters signed by 4 residents included the following suggestions:
      - Have a study done similar to Michiana Shores to prevent erosion
      - Several mentions to cut down wild trees and vegetation
      - Several mentions to plant dune grass to hold sand
      - Replace trees on the slope with dune grass
      - Fix stairs
      - No large deck or railings that would block views
      - Allow small beach craft on the beach and implement an annual sticker process
      - Seating at the top of the stairs
- Public comments
  - Bob (didn’t get last name) made some positive comments about how the stops look after renovations.
  - The tennis court nets need to come down for the winter.

- Adjourned
- Next meeting: 1/28/20

Facebook page: Long Beach (Indiana) Parks and Recreation Board  
Email: [longbeachparkboard@gmail.com](mailto:longbeachparkboard@gmail.com)