

Beverly Shores Park Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

8:00PM CT via Microsoft Teams

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:* PM-CST. (*This meeting was broadcast live via Microsoft Teams and was recorded due to recommended corona virus “social distancing” guidelines.*)

2. Roll Call: Board Members present: Frank Hardwick, Paula Tillman, Kevin Fitzgerald and Andre Daugavietis (joined 20 minutes late due to technical difficulties). Also present: Town Council Representative Matrona Malik, Clerk Treasurer Ellen Hundt.

3. Administrative Business

Hybrid (in-person/on-line) meetings may be on the horizon.

The May Park Board meeting will be at 6pm, with a public meeting regarding options for Lituania Park at 7pm (*approved by unanimous roll call vote*).

4. Title VI Survey Availability: President Frank Hardwick announced the availability of the Title VI Survey online on the town website and at the Administration Building.

5. Approval of Minutes for February, 2022 meeting: There were no comments. Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

6. New & Updated Business:

- Friends of Beverly Shores

- Update
- LMCP (Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program) Grant Development
 - Shore Ave
 - Beach Ave
- Other Funding opportunities
 - ARP Community Challenge
 - T-Mobile Hometown Grants
 - NIPSCO
 - Others
- Beach Access
- - The Park Board is work cooperatively with the National Park to identify social trails which will be recommended to the public for access to beaches.
 - The Park Board has established a publicly accessible Google map of the Beverly Shores potential beach access locations: [Beverly Shores Beach Access](#)
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 - Email: bsbeachaccess@gmail.com
 - Public Input is invited to identify and prioritize trails to the beaches
 - The Board plans to have signs installed on Town right-away to identify the chosen trails. Sheridan Beach, Michigan City, and Gary are examples where this has been done.
 - The Board will explore placing signs at the Lake end of the trails. This will encourage people to use the trails to leave the beaches and help in identifying beach areas for emergency purposes.
 - Marking of trails should be done with colors and symbols and letters so that persons of various abilities can discern and better recall them.
 - The Board discussed having surveys done to confirm Town property lines before starting construction on beach access stairs.
 - Town Council has arranged to have Derby surveyed in preparation for new stairs. The cost of the survey is \$1500. This is the approximate cost for the other lake front parcels which will be done later.

- Lituanica Park
 - The Board has gathered several interesting options for park re-development.
 - Public Meeting: The public meeting to discuss these options will be at 7pm after the May Park Board meeting which will be at 6pm.
 - Volunteer Day(s): the Board plans to propose dates during the April Board meeting.
 - The Board plans to have the equipment repainting be done in the original colors of the equipment (for improved paint coverage and continuity of aesthetics).
- Water Meters: To be hooked up on Friday April 1.
- Pickleball Equipment: Arriving over the next several weeks. The equipment will be portable and can be set up on unused tennis courts, the basketball court, or the parking lot.

7. Old Business

- ABSR Requests for 2022
 - April 16- Easter
 - Memorial Day Coffee at Reborra Plaza
 - Father's Day Necktie Run on Saturday June 18,
- Beach Access Status
- Reborra Stairs Repair Gift –Friends of Beverly
- Grounds Maintenance
- Grounds Landscaping Development and Maintenance, ELM Update: The Board has \$10,000 for landscaping the current year. The Administration Building is the priority. The work has been planned and budgeted. Frank Hardwick will be involved in overseeing the work.

8. Other Board Comment

The Board discussed clearing the south end of the Lituanica Park. This is thought to be a large project which should have public input and occur over time for budgeting purposes.

The Board discussed implementing a walkway around the pond.

Public Comment: A suggestion was made to solicit public input on plans for the south end of the park.

9. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.