

The April 24, 2017 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Joan Solbeck, Ausra Zarins, Barbara Vanecko and Sandy Komasinski.

Our guest for the meeting was Candace Smith representing ERG. Candace explained ERG's idea of cleaning up a Green Space lot in Beverly Shores this coming September or October to improve the site and rid it of invasive plant species. She feels that this project would be in keeping with Green Space's efforts to preserve open space in the town for perpetuity. ERG would promote such an event for Volunteer Days and would make the project open to any town residents wishing to participate. Ausra had just completed and passed out a listing of the 17 parcels of land in town which have been donated to Green Space to date. We discussed highly visible lots which Candace preferred and decided on our lots 10, 11, or 17 as possibilities. Candace and her committee will now view the lots and decide on a preference. We said we would try to help with publicity for the event. Barbara suggested that a write up on Candace be published in Sand Tracks to promote the ERG and Green Space working in tandem. Barbara agreed to contact Susan Nichols, a writer for Sand Tracks.

In further business, a listing of 7 criteria for accepting land donations to the Town of Beverly Shores through its Green Space Committee was presented by Margaret. The new list was created to bring together the ordinance and the actual practices being followed. A copy of this list will be filed with the minutes. Margaret explained the property tax problems which had occurred with two of our properties. (Ganz and Lisle). Margaret has worked on resolving the issues with the owners of the donated land and explained how our new procedures would eliminate future problems from occurring.

The third item of business was discussing a plan to reach out to property owners for potential donations to Green Space. Margaret volunteered to update our prior letters which we will peruse at our May meeting on the 22nd.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Barbara Vanecko

Secretary

The May 22, 2017 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were, Ausra Zarins, Barbara Vanecko and Sandy Komaskinski. Joan Solbeck was out of town.

We had a resident new to Beverly Shores visit us for our meeting. Evie Richardson had just moved to town and wanted to learn about Green Space. We explained our efforts as a committee and encouraged her to support us by telling others about our mission.

Then we reviewed our letters which we send to our potential donors of properties. The second letter needed to be revised in reference to the funds available to offset donors' expenses if these costs proved to be difficult to absorb.

We worked on the idea of creating a map for our website listing the 19 lots already donated to Green Space. Ausra Zarins has worked on such a map and will work on pairing it with address descriptions.

Sandy Komaskinski will put together some drafts of information to be placed on the town website for us to look at during our next meeting. Ideas for a "Q and A" section were positive.

At our next meeting on July 10th, we'll discuss a future mailing to prospective donors. Our meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Barbara Vanecko

CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING LAND DONATIONS TO TOWN OF BEVERLY SHORES THROUGH ITS GREEN
SPACE COMMITTEE

1. The property is within the boundaries of the Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana;
2. Donations of property located within the Commercial District on Highway 12, east of Broadway, will not be accepted without first consulting with the Plan Commission and obtaining its approval for such donation;
3. The title to the property is in satisfactory form, as evidenced by a Condition of Title report prepared by a title company and paid for by the donor, disclosing the name of the title owner and disclosing no liens or encumbrances;
4. The acceptance of the donated property will not cause the donor's residential property in Beverly Shores (if any) to be in violation of any currently existing building regulations or set back requirements;
5. A site inspection has been conducted by a member of the Green Space committee;
6. The donor has prepared, at his or her expense, a Warranty Deed for the proposed donation containing no deed restrictions unless specifically agreed to by the Town Council; and
7. The donor has paid to the Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Beverly Shores at the time of the donation 110% of the prior year's real estate taxes to be held by the Clerk/Treasurer for the payment of real estate taxes for the year in which the donation occurs.

The October 23, 2017 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those in attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Barbara Vanecko and Ausra Zarins. Joan Solbeck was in Chicago and tried to make online contact for the meeting, but the connection did not go through.

We complimented Sandy Komasinski for her work on a map showing the location and addresses of all of the 19 properties in Beverly Shores which have been donated to Green Space and for which all documentation has been successfully recorded.

We have learned that the Plan Commission is questioning the Green Space Ordinance and would like to remove language which gives the Town Council the ability to use Green Space donated properties in any way that the Council deems advisable. In other words the Plan Commission wants us to accept properties not to be held as Green Space in the event there is a use which the Council prefers. All present agreed that Town Council control would go against the purpose of our Commission and that we would not be interested in making these changes.

It is our understanding that the Plan Commission will bring up this discussion at the November meeting and we all plan to attend if possible.

We plan to meet again on November 27th at 10:00AM at which point we will finalize letters to potential donors which Ausra has identified. If our work materializes, we would like to mail the letters in December.

Our meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Barbara Vanecko