

The February 22, 2021 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order as a Microsoft Team virtual meeting at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those members in attendance were Sandy Komaskinski, Joan Solbeck, Barbara Vanecko and Ausra Zarins. Our Town Council Liaison, Susan Loeb, and the Beverly Shores Clerk Treasurer, Ellen Hundt, were also present.

We unanimously approved the minutes from our November 25, 2019 and our December 14, 2020 meetings.

Sandy Komaskinski presented an article intended for our Sand Tracks edition in April, spotlighting Green Space purposes as well as some plans for a potential future joint program with The Beverly Shores ERG committee. Ideas for a program with ERG will be presented by our President, Margaret Williford and ERG's President, Terry Bonace. to our Town Council for their ideas and approval at their meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Such a program would intend to jointly steward some Green Space donated lots. An outline of the roles and objectives of both organizations will be presented explaining how we would see working together, post pandemic, to help the Town from an environmental and conservation point of view.

The overarching goal when we present to the Town Council is to explain our stewardship goal to use our lots as a demonstration on how to responsibly care for lots. freeing them from invasive species. By networking with other non-profits, we can expand our goals to help our community learn and care for our environment.

If a "work day" concept might be organized to perform our stewardship duties, the idea of making it a "field trip" instead with a bag lunch and some educational hand outs for participants might be something to consider. The Town would need to advise us on any waivers which would be needed to allow participation.

Recognizing that the existing non-profits have different goals we could endeavor to include other groups in our future plans. Shirley Heinze might be a group to consider. ERG is discussing working on grants to finance some future plans. Tyson LaGoni notified Green Space of his thoughts on potentially expanding some of Shirley Heinze hiking trails to traverse some Green Space lots. It was felt that such plans would involve the BS Plan Commission and their Comprehensive Plan.

The next meeting of the Green Space Committee will be held on Monday, April 26, 2021, at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Team. Our meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Vanecko



The April 26, 2021 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order as a Microsoft Team virtual meeting at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those members in attendance were Sandy Komaskinski, and Barbara Vanecko. Absent were Ausra Zarins and Joan Solbeck. Our Town Council Liaison, Susan Loeb, and the Beverly Shores Clerk Treasurer, Ellen Hundt, were also present. Two newly appointed members of our Committee were also in attendance and were welcomed; they are, Larry Stanton and Terry Bonace. We also had a guest visitor, resident Dan Casey.

Sandy Komaskinski moved and Barbara Vanecko seconded the motion to accept the minutes from our February 22, 2001 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Margaret Williford explained that she had previously sent important information about Green Space to our new members and then explained the intricacies of our Committee. Larry asked for an explanation of deed restriction on donated properties which Margaret provided. Sandy has developed our website showing our brochure. We do periodically send out information on Green Space to property owners we have identified as potential donors. Also, we continue to provide information to residents about our Committee concerning the process of donating land to the Town Council in Beverly Shores to be held in perpetuity as Green Space.

The Beverly Shores Town Council must vote to accept the lots that the Green Space Committee brings to them. Once accepted, the Green Space Committee will advise the Town Council regarding needed stewardship of the donated properties. The Committee is currently working in collaboration with the ERG Committee to plan for some management of lots which have been identified as containing invasive plants due to be removed. Terry Bonace and Mary Marvel applied for and were awarded a \$2000.00 grant offered by NICOR to purchase equipment needed for such a volunteer work day. Tentative dates offered for a work day are 8/14, 8/28, 8/30, 9/10 and 9/11.

At our next meeting, we will plan for the clean-up and removal of invasives from the chosen previously donated lots and get information out to the community using Sand Tracks and our ABSR email tree inviting a limited number of residents to join us in this endeavor.

The next meeting of the Green Space Committee will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 10:00 AM via Microsoft Team. Our meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Vanecko



The May 24, 2021 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order as a Microsoft Team virtual meeting at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those members in attendance were Sandy Komaskinski, Barbara Vanecko, Ausra Zarins, Terry Bonace and Larry Stanton. Our Town Council Liaison, Susan Loeb, and the Beverly Shores Clerk Treasurer, Ellen Hundt, were also present. Joan Solbeck joined the meeting a little later.

Ausra Zarins moved and Sandy Komaskinski seconded the motion to accept the minutes from our April 26, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Margaret Williford explained that Terry had found lots owned by the Town that we had not known about. Ausra has worked on our list over the years and Margaret said that she and Terry, and Ausra would meet and make certain that we have a correct and up-to-date list of those properties. We will need to post the updated list on our website as soon as it is created.

We then discussed the proposed dates for our work day/learning experience which we will plan for in tandem with the ERG committee of ABSR for interested Beverly Shores residents to attend. Terry suggested the following dates:

August 28th and August 30th from 9:00 to 10:30 AM

September 10th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM

September 11th from 9:00 to 10:30 AM

We would schedule a sign-up day on August 14th and limit attendance to 10 or fewer people.

Those in attendance would be given a guide to plants in the dunes. Potential lots for the first work day/learning experience are one lot at the corner of Vera and Montana or one of four lots on St. Clair or one on the north side of Roberts. Terry will propose in writing the dates and locations with a save-the-date notice in Sand Tracks. In the notice he will outline what we hope to accomplish with this project.

We will try to come up with a joined logo to use in announcing these events. Barbara will send Terry the Green Space logo so he can work on joining it with the ERG logo.

The sign up for each session will be done via email which Terry volunteered to take care of.

We will hold the session rain or shine, but will cancel for thunderstorms.

We will plan to meet again on June 28th either by Microsoft Team or very hopefully, in person at the Ad Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Vanecko



The June 28, 2021 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at the

Beverly Shores Administration Building at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those members in attendance were Sandy Komaskinski, Barbara Vanecko, and Ausra Zarins. Our Town liaison, Susan Loeb, was also present. Larry Stanton joined us virtually. Joan Solbeck and Terry Bonace were away.

Margaret Williford discussed the work which she and Terry had done on our list of Green Space Lots which have been donated to the Town thus far. The list will now be revised chronologically and then will be sent to Ellen to post on our website. Sandy Komaskinski will send copies to all of the Committee members. i

Sandy Komaskinski made a motion and Ausra Zarins seconded the motion to accept the minutes from our May 24, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Vanecko asked that an interim replacement secretary be named for Green Space as she will be having back surgery and not able to attend the next meeting. Ausra volunteered to cover for her.

The July Sand Tracks featured a Save the Dates notice of our upcoming work and learn dates posted by Terry Bonace. A follow up notice will be placed by Margaret and Terry in August and reminders of the dates will be placed on our new Town sign board.

We discussed a possible format for the work dates and thought we could start out at the Community House at 8:15 with coffee and donuts when Terry could provide an overview of the project. We would then proceed to the property to be worked on and would provide bug spray and water bottles there.

Larry raised the question as to why we had to limit the size of the group to 8-10 and wondered if this number was unduly restrictive. We said we would check with Terry to see what he deemed optimal.

We agreed to contact Paul Zucker with details of our event to be certain that the Sometimers Group became aware of our plans.

## Green Space committee Meeting July 26, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by chairperson Margaret Williford. In attendance were members Sandy Komaskinski, Terry Bonace, Ausra Zarins and Town Council rep. Susan Loeb. Larry Stanton, Barbara Vanecho and Joan Solbeck were unavailable. One guest, Larry Silvestri, attended.

Minutes for our May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with 1 small correction.

Margaret announced that the list of Green Space lots that Terry worked on was sent to Ellen and is now posted on our Green Space website. The lots are numbered in chronological order and Terry has scanned corresponding assessor maps. These have also been sent to Ellen and will hopefully be on the website soon. The maps are matched to the lot listings.

Margaret then explained to our guest, Larry Silvestri, the mission and workings of the Green Space Committee.

Details of our August 28<sup>th</sup> workday in conjunction with ERG were discussed. An article by Margaret and Terry has been sent to Sand Tracks with details of the workday. A copy will be sent to Ellen for an email blast on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Notification on the Beverly Shores sign will also be requested starting mid-August with the moniker "Digging in the Dunes" and listing the ERG website for further information.

Ellen has approved using the Community House as a starting point. Coffee, water and donuts will be provided (Margaret will provide the water and donuts, Sandy and Ausra will bring the coffee) and Terry will give an orientation to the work that will be done. Participants will receive a copy of the newest edition of "A Beginners Guide to the Plants of the Indiana Dunes". Tools will also be provided by ERG from their NIPSCO grant. Terry will finalize the site location once we know how many people will be participating.

Margaret will reach out to Paul Zucker (Sometimers) and Candice Smith (ABSR Environmental Group) for possible participants.

Future marketing ideas were discussed: Susan thought that yard signs might be distributed for residents who are "pullers of invasives". And perhaps an "Adopt a lot" initiative could be tried.

Our next meeting will be held on Aug. 23 and our first workday will be Aug. 28.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55

Respectfully submitted, Ausra Zarins



## Green Space committee Meeting August 23, 2021

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by chairperson Margaret Williford. In attendance were members Sandy Komaskinski, Terry Bonace, Ausra Zarins, Larry Stanton, Joan Solbeck and Town Council rep. Susan Loeb. Barbara Vanecho was unavailable.

Minutes for our July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved by Sandy and seconded by Joan.

Margaret mentioned that the lot maps that Terry worked on have not yet been completely posted to our website. She and Terry will check in with Ellen on the progress of this project.

Details of our August 28<sup>th</sup> workday in conjunction with ERG were finalized. Terry has chosen the lot at Vera and Montana as our work site. He stated that there is enough to do there for all 4 proposed workdays. 6 people have signed up for the first workday on Saturday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> and 8 for Monday, August 30. A nice number for both days.

On August 28<sup>th</sup> participants will meet at the Community House at 9AM. Coffee, (provided by Sandy and Ausra) water and donuts (provided by Margaret) will be served on the deck. Margaret will give a short introduction to Green Space and Terry will give an orientation to the work that will be done. Participants will receive a copy of the newest edition of "A Beginners Guide to the Plants of the Indiana Dunes" and a Green Space brochure. Tools will also be provided by ERG from their NIPSCO grant. Participants will then carpool to the work site. Howard Marvel or Margaret will take pictures for Sandtracks.

The same agenda will be followed on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. Candice Smith will assist Terry at the worksite. Larry will provide bottles of water and (maybe) energy bars. Joan will take some pictures.

Only a few people have signed up for the Sept. 10 & 11 workdays. We will ask Ellen to send out another e-mail blast prior to those dates.

Our "Digging in the Dunes" ad campaign idea has moved forward. Howard Marvel has designed a sign and he and wife Mary will donate the cost for having them printed. Big Thank You to them both!

Our next meeting will be held on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45

Respectfully submitted, Ausra Zarins



The September 27, 2021 Green Space Committee Meeting was called to order at the Beverly Shores Administration Building at 10:00AM by our President, Margaret Williford. Those members in attendance were Sandy Komaskinski, Barbara Vanecko, Ausra Zarins. and our Town Council Liaison, Susan Loeb.. Larry Stanton joined us virtually. Joan Solbeck and Terry Bonace were away.

Margaret Williford led a discussion about the very successful work and learn days that were recently held and the great feedback the committee had received for the clean up work on one of our Green Space Lots. About 25 people attended and were pleased to learn about invasive species and native Indiana plants. The list of lots which have been donated to the Town thus far has been researched and verified. The list will now be revised chronologically and then will be sent to Ellen to post on our website. Sandy Komaskinski will send copies to all of the Committee members.

Regarding the clean-up dates it was decided that the allocated time frame of one and a half hours per event was correct. New and old residents participated and it was felt that the emails which Ellen sent informed and enthused some of the newer residents to participate. September and October proved to be good months to plan future clean ups and a spring event in May when we would have to deal with less heat and humidity would be advisable. Friday and Monday seemed to be preferred dates, A good article about Green Space appeared in the October Sand Tracks

The new tools obtained by a grant received by ERG were used for the clean up. It was thought that Ellen could do an email blast about the tools and their usage and their availability to Beverly Shores residents for use on their private properties. ERG now owns pruning saws, clippers, puller bears and loping shears which can be borrowed with an ERG sign up. They are stored at the MUB building.

For the year 2022, it was thought that we should adopt another lot and encourage those who really got into this past project to help head up leadership for a future event.

Margaret had learned of some interest in lots on Ripplewater which are prosepcts for donations. At this point, we agreed not to schedule a future meeting until a need arises.

We adjourned our meeting at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Vanecko i

(Ord. 208, passed 12-19-1983) Penalty, see § 155.999  
(2) All contractors and material suppliers shall thereafter use the designated route and if a contractor or material supplier operating a vehicle larger than a pickup truck or van is found to be deviating from the designated route both the contractor or material supplier and the applicant shall be jointly and severally liable for any damage done to town streets and may be fined for a violation of this chapter as hereinafter provided.



## **Dec. 20, 2021 Green Space Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order via Microsoft Teams by Chairperson Margaret Williford. In attendance were Sandy Komasinski, Ausra Zarins, Terry Bonace, Larry Stanton and Town Council Liaison Susan Loeb. Joan Solbeck and Barbara Vanecko were unavailable.

Sandy made the motion to approve the September meeting minutes and Ausra seconded; all approved.

The main topic of discussion was the prospective donation of Lot 39 in Block 129 in Fredrick H. Bartlett's Beverly Shores Unit "F". The lot is owned by Rita Wenzlow-Lukasch and she is represented by her grand-daughter Lija Siliunas. The lot meets all the criteria for a Green Space donation including taxes being up-to-date. Needed paperwork is in progress. There is one possible sticking point: prior to now, Lot 39 was bundled together with Lot 40 – also owned by Rita – and the tax amount was listed for both lots, not individually. Therefore, the tax amount that will have to be escrowed is unknown. After discussion, it was decided that Margaret would consult with Town attorney Connor Nolan and, if needed, with the County Assessor's Office for clarification. Otherwise, the group saw no other issues. Sandy made the motion to accept the donation and Larry seconded; all approved. Margaret will continue to work on the tax question and the needed paper work and present this to the Town Board at their January meeting barring any complications.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted, Ausra Zarins