

This is a committee of five Beverly Shores residents appointed by the Town Council to administer and recruit green spaces for the Town.

This Initiative was started by the Town in 2003 as a way of helping preserve the fragile dune ecosystem and varied landscape in its natural state that is so much a part of Beverly Shores.

From the BS town ordinances (34.01)

#### GREEN SPACE COMMITTEE.

The Town Council shall appoint a Green Space Committee to encourage and assist owners of undeveloped property in Beverly Shores to donate property to the Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana, to protect natural and open areas and add to public lands (Green Space) in Beverly Shores.

The Committee members shall be responsible for:

(1) Advising potential donors of federal and state tax law procedures for obtaining tax deductions for their land donations;

(2) (a) The Committee shall discuss with all potential land donors the benefits of allowing their donated land to be used as public parks in Beverly Shores, but shall not make park use a criterion for acceptance.

(b) If a potential donor requests that his or her land be designated as permanently protected green space rather than as public park land, and if the Committee agrees that the land should be accepted with that designation, the Committee shall make its recommendation to the Town Council that the land be accepted as permanently protected green space. As a part of its recommendation, the Committee shall advise the Town Council about land stewardship needs for the donated land.

(3) Regularly submitting recommendations, based on criteria that the Committee shall recommend to the Plan Commission for approval, to the Town Council for acceptance of donated land parcels;

(4) After Town Council approval, registering the land titles of donated property with the Porter County Recorder of Deeds;

(5) Ensuring that the town's title to the property is valid and recorded with the Clerk-Treasurer; and

(6) Annually at the time of member appointment, the Town Council shall review the Committee's activities to assure that the Committee is properly conducting the business of the town in effectively acquiring and stewarding non-parklands owned by the Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana.