

Park Board Meeting Thursday July 14, 2022

Beverly Shores Park Board Meeting Minutes

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7:00PM CT Hybrid: In Person 500 S Broadway, and via Microsoft Teams

1. **Meeting Called to Order** (7:05pm)
2. **Roll Call:** Board Members present in person: President Frank Hardwick, Vice President Kevin Fitzgerald, and Secretary Andre Daugavietis (Paula Tillman absent). Also present in person: Clerk Treasurer Ellen Hundt. Participating via Teams: Town Council Representative Matrona Malik.

2. **Administrative Business**
 - Title VI Community Involvement Survey
 - Approval of Minutes for June 2022 meeting – Approved unanimously
3. **New & Updated Business**
 - Lituanica Park reservation requests: Lithuanian Club annual picnic Saturday August 13-14 – add 13th as rain date.; wedding party June 22, 2023
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 - Lituanica Park Meeting feedback: Improve existing building before considering any new structure.
 - fix and improve existing structures
 - Kevin Fitzgerald has power washers
 - Fabric “sunsails” suggested – provide cover, attach to trees, attach with cables, \$60-200 each
 - Lituanica Park fountain: in but not yet working, need to determine if repairable or needs to be replaced (could be a simple fix or could be worn out). Plan to remove fountain until next year
 - Tennis Court: needs maintenance - mud on courts from rain. Fire Department could clean it off
 - Pickleball: being used. Some people want painted lines, others don't
 - Author of Capstone Report on Park volunteered to help and approved uploading the report
 - Rebera work underway again: re-designed again, building on existing seawall, cement may be done next week.
 - Social Trails: talking with Save the Dunes, Board has received about 20 emails on trails and access points.
 - Access Points: Kevin Fitzgerald has studied the situation and proposes (west to east): Derby, Greatwater, 113 E Lakefront (near Crestline), 323 E Lakefront (b/w Shore and Underwood), 511 E Lakefront (existing partial stairs).
 - Trail Mats: “Mighty Mat” but expensive
 - Signs: Sheridan Beach as signposts at bottoms of trails

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- Save the Dunes worked with Michigan City and Gary on beach access paths
- All of the recommended access points/trails are on National Park property (except perhaps Derby depending on exact location). Frank Hardwick is in touch with the Park on this.
- The recommended access points line up with public input
- Motion passed unanimously to take the list of proposed access points to the Park and Save the Dunes
- LMCP (Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program) Grant: submitted still in process
- Landscaping: Erdelac Land Management finishing at admin building, work at Rebora and Lituania Park upcoming
- Mowing budget: mowing funds for the year have been spent. It could be cost effective if Town/Board owned mowing equipment and Town employee does mowing. Erdelac has offered to sell mower/trailer/equipment, its electric and rechargeable. Board would purchase.
- Proposed gift / plaque for Kemil Beach: Beverly Shores family proposes plaque "Ann's Beach" for near Kemil Beach. Plaque would be small and on wrought iron stand. Attached would be gift to Board of \$25,000. Board unanimously approves conceptually and tables pending receipt of rendering of plaque and input from National Park regarding location (subject to Park plans for beach access at Kemil).

4. Public Comment

- Tree west of Rebora steps needs to be removed. But leave trunk and roots in place to protect dune. Board will reach out to local tree cutters.
- Resident John Macklin comments that the tree could stay
- John Nekus representing the Lithuanian American Club provided comments regarding Lituania Park improvements. His family was involved in establishing the Park. The Club wants to expedite the deck, etc., improvements at the Park: plan, bid, evaluate, raise funds. Phase 1: repair deck and cover. Phase 2: build new deck and roof. Offers the Club's help. Frank Hardwick expresses agreement with addition of picnic space and covered space.
- Board forms subcommittee to develop Park structure plan: Kevin Fitzgerald, John Nekus and John Macklin.

5. Next Meeting: WEDNESDAY August 10 at 7pm.

6. Adjourn: 8:34 pm