

Town of Beverly Shores
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2024, 7pm CT

1. Call to Order

Susan Loeb, Chair, called the meeting of the Town of Beverly Shores Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 7:00pm CT.

2. Roll Call:

Committee members present: Susan Loeb, Tom Abrahamson, Steve Coughlin, Andre Daugavietis, and Paula Tillman.

Also present: Ellen Hundt, Town Clerk/Treasurer, and Candice Peterson-Smith, Town Council Liaison to the Parks Committee.

3. Title VI Community Involvement Survey

Susan Loeb announced that the Title VI public involvement survey is available via the Town's website.

4. Minutes of Meeting of October 14, 2024

Tom Abrahamson motioned to approve the Minutes of Meeting of July 8, 2024; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

5. Maintenance update reports

Steve Coughlin reported that Lake & Pond Biologists found that the Lituanica Park pond fountain was not working because a seal was broken and that L&PB will make the repairs under warranty in their shop; that the port-a-potty at Lituanica Park was picked-up Nov 1; that the three water meters were removed for the winter by Michigan City Water Dept; and that the bike rack at Rebora Plaza was disassembled and move to the Warming Hut for winter storage.

Tom Abrahamson advised that he would look into winter storage for the tennis net, pickleball equipment and net, and croquet equipment.

Steve Coughlin advised that there was a large pile of cut and fallen tree trunks and branches at the corner of Ripplewater and Beachview that the Committee may want to clean-up.

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6. Old Business

Paula Tillman led a discussion about getting a chimney sweep contractor to inspect and clean the Warming Hut chimney; explaining that the previously approved spend in the amount of \$300 was not enough money due in part to the Town's \$100 contractor licensing fee. Steve Coughlin motioned to approve spending up to \$450 to have the Warming Hut chimney inspected and cleaned; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Steve Coughlin advised that the anticipated start date of the Warming Hut deck repair was the middle of next week (Nov 18-24) subject to weather conditions.

Steve Coughlin reported that the Patronicity Playground Improvement Project crowdfunding campaign was an overwhelming success with over \$41K raised. Our on-line Patronicity campaign ended on Nov 7, 2024. Checks are still being accepted by mail or drop-off to the Clerk's Office.

Steve Coughlin led a discussion on purchasing the new Lituania Parks swing set from NuToys Leisure Products before the end of 2024 in order to lock in March-April 2024 pricing, and motioned that the Committee recommend the Town Council approve the purchase of new Arch Swing Set, Tangle Activity Walk, and Ball Maze Panel after Patronicity crowdfunding money is received, with 50% down payment by Dec 31, 2024, 50% payment upon delivery FOB Lituania Park, Beverly Shores, IN Mar 1-31, 2025; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Susan Loeb recommended we write a "Playground Improvement Project" article for Sandtracks December newsletter. Steve Coughlin agreed to work on this.

Susan Loeb reported no change on the EZ-Steps Derby beach access proposal which rests with the Town Council for their consideration as an improvement.

7. New Business

Susan Loeb and Steve Coughlin led a discussion regarding a Warming Hut squirrel and mouse abatement inspection report and quotation received from Lakeshore Nuisance Wildlife Control which noted openings near the chimney and around door jambs. Cost to repair \$1700.00. No action taken.

Susan Loeb led a discussion on a boat storage survey. Tom Abrahamson suggested broadening the survey's subject matter. Ellen Hundt suggested using Google Survey app. Andre Daugavietis agreed to work on this.

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8. Written comments

None

9. Public Comment

None

10. Committee Comment

The Committee thanked Veterans for their service and Happy Birthday to Ellen Hundt.

Susan Loeb clarified that the recently donated Herbert George sculpture was a Town Council matter.

11. Adjournment

At 7:50 pm CT, Steve Coughlin motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Respectively submitted:

Stephen Coughlin
Secretary
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Approved:

Susan Loeb
Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee