

Town of Beverly Shores
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday, December 9, 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, and Paula Tillman.

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

Andre Daugavietis present at 7:05pm.

3. Title VI Community Involvement Survey

Susan Loeb announced that the Title VI public involvement survey is available in the Council Room, Clerk-Treasurer's Office, and via the Town's website,

4. Minutes of Meeting of November 11, 2024

Tom Abrahamson motioned to approve the Minutes of Meeting of November 11, 2024; seconded by Paula Tillman. Approved 4-0 just prior to Andre Daugavietis arrival.

5. Maintenance update reports

Tom Abrahamson advised that the tennis and pickleball nets can be left outside this winter; and that the shuffleboard and pickleball equipment boxes are weatherproof.

Steve Coughlin reported that he used steel wool to plug a gap in the Warming Hut north wall to keep mice out.

6. Old Business

Paula Tillman advised that she is working on chimney sweep of Warming Hut.

Steve Coughlin advised that the contractor was starting the Lituania Park deck repair on December 10th.

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Steve Coughlin gave a progress report on Playground Improvement Project. Net campaign funds were received from Patronicity. Swing Set purchase was pending 50% down payment from NuToys. Swing Set delivery would be March 1, 2025. Mulch delivery was a logistics challenge due to the narrow roads leading to Lituania Park.

Andre Daugavietis led a discussion regarding 2025 kayak storage rack and presented a draft survey. Ellen Hundt suggested the Committee use Google Forms to create an online survey and analyze responses.

7. New Business

Susan Loeb presented a request from ABSR to use Parks facilities for their 2025 events:

April 9	Easter Egg Hunt
May 26	Memorial Day Coffee
June 14	Necktie Run-Walk
July 27	Summerfest
October 24	Halloween Trick or Treat

Steve Coughlin motioned to approve the use of Parks facilities for ABSR 2025 events: seconded by Andre Daugavietis. Approved 5-0.

Candice Peterson-Smith advised the 2025 Town Clean-up Day was scheduled for May 26.

Andre Daugavietis led a discussion on the need to delineate Beverly Shores beach easements vs National Park beach property with post and signs. No action taken.

Steve Coughlin advised that he had applied for a Indiana Dunes Tourism grant for a two-day daytime bluegrass festival in Lituania Park. Grant awards would be announced Dec 16, 2024.

8. Written Comments – no written comments received.

9. Public Comment

John Maklin thanked the Committee for 2024 park improvements; and regarding watercraft storage suggested there should be space for everyone, and permit sales could pay for storage racks in a couple of years.

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10. Committee Comments

Susan Loeb asked the Committee to be prepared to discuss 2025 spending priorities at the Committee's January 2025 meeting.

11. Adjournment

At 8:05 pm CT, Tom Abrahamson 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