

Village of Grand Beach

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

January 9, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Doerr (Chair); Ed Brandes; Gary Kagan; and Judith Blackburn; **Absent:** Norm Cherrett

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Doerr at 5:00 pm;

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: On motion made by Brandes and seconded by Blackburn, the minutes of the Committee meeting of October 10, 2023 were approved as drafted.

OLD BUSINESS: Update from Meeting of October 10, 2023 (P. Doerr): Doerr confirmed Village Council approval of the Committee recommendation to remove the aged teeter-totter and merry-go-round equipment on the Royal Street playground and replace it with new equipment, to be purchased and installed in the spring;

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Formation of a new beach task force (P. Doerr):

- i. E. Trainor, Chairperson; Also includes, Bob Barnes, John Jennings, Kevin Keely and Harry Walder;
- ii. Task Force reports to the Parks Committee;
- iii. 1 year estimated life span for the work of the Task Force;
- iv. Trainor will periodically update the Committee on progress;
- v. Trainor personally appeared to answer questions and brief the Committee on the Task Force's proposed mission, with a focus on; i) periodic sand replenishment; and ii) sand retention solutions;

b. 2024 initiatives:

- i. Doer is looking for design (and signage) ideas for golf cart parking in beach access areas such as Ely and Pine where there is limited space which is bounded by private property on either side. The goal is to make parking availability clear and accessible to Village residents and visitors without encroaching on the rights of private property owners;
- ii. **43 Acres:** General discussion around developing a strategic plan for improving this parcel and accessing the funds necessary to do it;

c. Jensen Court beach access development: General discussion and agreement about making development of this beach access point, including construction of a viewing platform and a staircase leading to the beach, a priority for the Committee in 2024; Doerr discussed the possibility of reviving discussions around a 2023 offer from a resident family to purchase part or all of the Village-owned parcel around Jensen Court. He plans to raise the topic at the next scheduled meeting of the Village Council on January 17. Doerr also raised the possibility of applying for grant money from the Pokagan Fund to offset the cost of the development project.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: Cosmo Briatta; Harry Walder, Ed Trainor. In addition to his presentation on the beach task force, Trainor gave the Committee a draft of an annual maintenance program for all beaches within the Village.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2024 @ 5:00 pm EST [Tentative]

ADJOURNMENT: On motion, made by Brandes, seconded by Blackburn, and approved thereafter at 6:00 pm ;

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Brandes, Meeting Secretary