

Village of Grand Beach

Parks and Beaches Committee Meeting

January 13, 2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Doerr (Chair); Ed Trainor; Ed Brandes; Harry Walder; and Judith Blackburn;

Special Guest by Invitation: Bill McLinden, a contractor with the local Dunescape construction firm.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pete Doerr at 6:00 pm, seconded and approved, the agenda for the meeting, previously distributed to all members, was approved;

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: On motion made by Harry Walder, seconded and approved, the minutes of the **October 6, 2021** meeting of the Committee were approved as drafted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Review of status of individual Committee member assignments out of the October 6th Committee Meeting.
2. Pete Doerr reported out on the following assignments: 1) What percentage of real estate taxes does the Village retain as a percentage of Village-issued tax bills and Township-issued tax bills; 2) Are there restrictions on general public usage and development of 42 Acres? And 3) What % of Village residents are full-time residents?
3. Ed Trainor distributed a draft of a Parks & Beaches Committee Mission Statement, based on the missions statement in the 5 year Parks Plan which was approved by the Village Council in late 2020; He also distributed copies of a segment from the 2020 'Village of Grand Beach Parks & Recreation Master Plan' for action plans and timelines for accomplishing.
4. Harry Walder reported out that he had secured some written cost estimates on the upgrading of the tennis courts and installation of new pickleball courts.
5. Judith Blackburn reported out on her preliminary field research on the upgrading of the Royal Ave. playground equipment.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill McLinden is a local contractor who recently finished an extensive renovation of the landscaping and deck of a residential property located at Pine and Lakeview. Bill made the Committee aware of a need and opportunity connected to the adjacent Village right of way and staircase, to use donated 6' x 6' timbers left over from his 2021 landscaping project and repurpose them into a custom replacement scissor-type staircase with multiple viewing platforms leading down to the beach. Bill pointed out that there is currently a 'U'-shaped crevice between the two private lots underneath the existing staircase leading to the beach that may – if unattended – eventually erode further due to groundwater runoff, thus compromising not only the integrity of the staircase, but also the hardscape improvements on the adjacent properties. Bill also agreed to donate his time

and expertise to the project to supervise design and construction if the Village was willing to go ahead. Bill answered questions from the Committee, many of which concerned the need for engineered solutions to prevent erosion and how this project might fit into a larger strategic plan for the upgrade and development of other local viewing platforms and beach access points. At the end of his presentation, the Committee thanked Bill for his willingness to donate time and materials for this particular cause and promised to study it further and get back to him.

Based on a discussion immediately following Bill's presentation, it was generally agreed that there was a need to go outside for a comprehensive professional assessment/recommendation for potential infrastructure upgrades including, but not limited to, the following:

- Royal Street playground relocation and modernization
- Pickleball courts (new)
- Tennis courts (relocated)
- Dog park(s) (new)
- Basketball court (relocated)
- Beach access points, including public lakefront viewing platforms
- Softball field

Chairman Pete Doerr agreed to broach the subject of securing proposals from outside vendors with certain Council members and introduce the subject for Council approvals at the soonest available Council meeting.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: The Chair recognized the in-person attendance of Village resident Angela Trainor. Angela expressed appreciation to the Village maintenance team for installing a replacement staircase leading to the pumphouse beach. She also emphasized the need to reevaluate the construction of the staircase when it is reinstalled in the spring, to make sure it is safe and will endure for the whole 2022 season. Angela raised the possibility of involving other residents with construction expertise to assist in the reinstallation.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Not scheduled at this time

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made by Pete Doerr, seconded and approved at 8:15 pm (EST)

Respectfully Submitted: Edward P. Brandes; Meeting Secretary