

Village of Grand Beach

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting

October 6, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pete Doerr (Chair); Ed Trainor; Ed Brandes; Harry Walder; Judith Blackburn, and Doug Blauw (by phone)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pete Doerr at 6:07 pm, all Committee members having been sworn in in advance of the meeting by Mary Robertson, Clerk.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Agenda adopted on motion made by Pete Doerr, seconded and approved, the agenda for the meeting, previously distributed to all members, was approved;

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Waived by the meeting Chair

OLD BUSINESS: Waived by the meeting Chair

NEW BUSINESS

1. Round table introduction of Chair and all Committee members;
2. Review of applicable open meeting legal requirements in the State of Michigan;
3. Review of *'Village of Grand Beach Parks & Recreation Master Plan for 2020-2024'*, including:
 - a. Goals and Objectives;
 - b. Installation of pickle ball courts;
 - c. Upgrades of Village beach access/viewing areas, incl. handicapped access;
 - d. Upgrades/possible re-location of the Village playground equipment on Royal;
 - e. Fundraising opportunities/options;
 - f. Removal of sub-surface scrap iron close to the beaches
4. Review of remaining funds in the 2021 budget for Parks & Beaches and the allocated funds for the upcoming 2022 budget cycle;
5. Individual assignments of Committee members in preparation for the Village Board meeting on October 20th and the next meeting of Parks & Beaches scheduled for December 21;
6. **Upcoming:** Next Parks & Rec Committee Meeting on **December 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm Eastern** at the Village Hall. Note: By general agreement, Committee meetings held after December 7th will be scheduled on the first Tuesday of every other month, unless otherwise agreed.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: The Chair recognized the in-person attendance of Blake O'Halloran of the Grand Beach Village Council. Blake provided input on a number of issues raised in the course of the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Committee reviewed and discussed written correspondence received earlier in the week from the following Grand Beach residents: Angela Trainor, Ann Sebastian, and Yvette Brandes. In general, the correspondence emphasized the need for timely communication by the Village to all of its residents regarding issues of general concern (e.g. the condition of the stairs leading down to the Pumphouse Beach and the off-loading and operation of heavy equipment on the Whitewood beach).

The residents each expressed strong concern that both situations would effectively make the beaches unusable for the indefinite future.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was generally agreed that Pete Doerr would approach the Village Council to advocate for: 1) Greater Village-wide communication on issues of general interest/concern; and 2) proposal (after some preliminary due diligence by Ed Trainor) for installation of retractable, aluminum stairs connected to the stairway leading to the Pumphouse Beach. In addition, prior to approaching the Council, Pete was going to follow up with Mary Robertson to determine whether there were any 2021 budget funds still available for that purpose.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion made by Pete Doerr, seconded and approved at 7:50 pm (EST)

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward P. Brandes
Meeting Secretary