

Village of Grand Beach

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2019

Committee Members In Attendance: Steve Slater (Chair), Blake O'Halloran, Sheila McGinnis, Ed Trainor. Amy Hanley, Keiran McHugh

Members Absent: Amy Slater, Ed Brandes

Special Guest(s): N/A

Audience Recognition: N/A

Call to Order: By Chair Steve Slater at 6:10 pm EST

Adoption of Agenda: Agenda adopted on motion made by Sheila McGinnis, seconded and approved

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Blake O'Halloran to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting, seconded by Sheila McGinnis and approved

Goals and Objectives Reports

Beach/lakefront Plan: Steve indicated that the draft 'Beach/Lakefront Plan and Policy' discussed at the last meeting was finished and was on the agenda for consideration at the next council meeting. No further discussion.

Pickleball Courts: Blake suggested some added pickleball related questions for the P&R survey. Blake also suggested consideration of placing them near the clubhouse in addition to previous discussed options.

Additional Park Plan/Updates: Steve reported on some items (in Amy Slater's absence). He noted that he received some suggestions from playground equipment consultant but had not fully reviewed yet. Will have more info at next meeting.

Complete Plan Rewrite: Steve reminded everyone of the milestones to accomplishing the plan rewrite and that the first milestone is deciding on the questions for the P & R survey which will be discussed later in the meeting.

White Creek Mitigation: Amy reported that she talked to Nick with Berrien County who confirmed that they have not identified the source. Amy shared information about the Trail Creek community (Indiana) efforts to clean their creek as their effort could be helpful for us. Amy reviewed creek source maps with committee. Keiren suggested contacting the Trail Creek people to see if they can help. Amy mentioned we should consider changing the sign wording but no action was taken. Ed T suggested reaching out to the Michigan Shores POA from across the creek to see if they might be willing to cooperate on this issue. It was mutually

agreed that Amy will continue to pursue “clean up” options while Ed T will explore the viability of filtration options. No decision was made as to making contact directly with the Michigan Shores POA. Amy will provide the committee her package of discovery information. Also She was asked to invite Nick with Berrien County to the next meeting.

Grant Efforts: Steve reported that Ed B is working on it and will have full report at the next meeting.

42 Acres Communication and Fundraising Plan: Sheila updated the committee on fundraising efforts. Letters were sent out to businesses to request donations to auction off. Amy suggested asking residents to donate items to be auctioned as well. Sheila also sent out requests to local artists to “Paint the Preserve” to create items which can be auctioned off. The fundraising event is scheduled for July 20th - from 6 to 10 pm. More suggestions were floated around such as selling naming rights and putting name on benches. Also it was suggested to put information about the event in the local paper. Shiela indicated that part of the event will be a silent auction but might also have a live auction for big items.

42 Acres: DEQ submittals: Per Mario, on standby until state does something.

Unfinished Business:

Review of amended survey for final approval: Committee discussion of survey questions. Suggestions were made to remove some redundant questions and add some questions. Also suggestion was made to review the previous survey and try to align. It was decided that Steve will take the suggestions and edit the survey and then send out one more time for everyone to have one last opportunity to provide input. Steve noted that the survey needs to be finalized by May 7th so it can be on the agenda for the next village council meeting.

New Business: None

Audience Recognition: None

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: On motion made by Steve Slater, seconded and approved at 8:00 (EST)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By:

Ed Trainor