

Village of Grand Beach

Parks and Beaches Committee Meeting

May 25, 2022

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

Special Guest by Invitation: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Pete Doerr at 3:30 pm Central. At that time the agenda for the meeting was approved on motion made by Pete Doerr and seconded by Harry Walder;

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Thereafter, on motion made by Pete Doerr, seconded by Harry Walder, the minutes of the **May 3, 2022** meeting of the Committee were approved as drafted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Discussion on Soliciting input from Village residents re: the Master Plan to be developed:** Pete Doerr opened up the subject by clarifying that the Committee is going to provide Parks & Beaches-subject-matter input only on a Village master plan. However, the Planning Commission has primary responsibility for development of the plan. Thereafter, a general discussion followed, including audience input, and It was generally agreed to develop a project to systematically solicit meaningful input from all Village residents through the summer months, with a focus on priority projects/Ideas that could be incorporated into the master plan. Ideas for implementation of the public input project included holding live open meetings throughout the summer and developing an on-line survey of 5-10 questions of general interest. At the conclusion of the discussion, Pete asked all Committee members to review the *'2019 Parks & Beaches Master Plan'* in advance of the next meeting for the purpose of jump-starting the discussion on how to move forward to secure public input.

- b. **Review open beach issues (Pumphouse and Lake Street) from the May meeting of the Village Council:** Pete Doerr reported out to the Committee on the decisions made in the Village Council's May 18th meeting regarding spending and services required to allow for public access to the Pump House beach and the Lake/Alpine beach. He also reported that the Donkersloot firm was unable to start the revetment and beach grooming work on the Pump House beach until some time after Memorial Day. A general discussion regarding the need to keep the beaches free of trash and driftwood followed. Thereafter, it was generally agreed that the Committee would publicly announce an open beach clean-up day to be held on **Saturday, June 4th at Noon (Eastern) at the Whitewood St. beach.**

- c. **Review 2 Grant Apps for Future Coastal Resiliency Plans:** Pete Doerr opened a discussion regarding the feasibility of the Committee pursuing one of two (2) possible matching grant opportunities connected with development of a master plan for the Village. One is through the LIAA (“Land Information Access Association”). The opportunity was documented in correspondence from the LIAA dated May 24th which Pete distributed to all present. The other opportunity is a matching grant program focused on beach resiliency which is offered through the Michigan Coastal Alliance. It offers the potential for up to \$100 K in funding necessary to assist in the master planning development process. After a general discussion on the subject, including audience input, it was agreed that the Committee would move forward to secure more information and otherwise actively pursue both opportunities.

AUDIENCE RECOGNITION: The Chair recognized the in-person attendance of the following Village residents: Angela Trainor and Andy Drake; Angela Trainor thanked Pete Doerr for his successful efforts in the May meeting of the Village Council, to secure the necessary approvals to secure beach access for all residents to the Pump House beach and Alpine/Lake St. She also provided comments on the need for public input as a predicate for developing a master plan for the Village, as did Andy Drake. They also both commented on the need to keep the beaches free of debris and driftwood this summer and how best to accomplish that.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, June 1 @ 3:30 pm Central Time

ADJOURNMENT: On motion, made by Pete Doerr, seconded by Harry Walder, and approved thereafter at 4:30 pm Central.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Brandes, Meeting Secretary