

Town of Long Beach Building Commission Meeting-Workshop 19 March 2014 Minutes of Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM. Building commission members present were Paul Fithian, Pat McDonald, and Bob Angelo. About 20 residents attended as well.

BC Items

- 1) Approved minutes from 2/21/2014 BC Meeting, note following corrections
 - a. Page 3: Should be pcfithian@gmail.com
 - b. Page 3: Page 3: Second paragraph, about 2/3 down. Building was written, should be Planning. Should read as, ". . . there are three members on the Planning Commission, a majority of which"
 - c. Page 4: Should be Cannon

- 2) Rick Brown, LaPorte County MSSSS Coordinator. Review of perimeter protection requirements for homes built on Lakeshore Drive. Noted that sediment is the biggest source of pollution anywhere. Blowing sand accumulation in Washington Park is 320 tons/year. Standard practice is to return this sand to the beach

Fithian will forward to Rick Brown a link to the Long Beach Zoning Ordinances.

Rick Brown to define further the perimeter protection requirements for Lakeshore Drive lakeside lots for implementation on existing and future construction projects. Once this definition is received, guidelines will be issued to the builders for implementation.

3) Permits issued:	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>Total</u>
	195	167	362

Of all of these permits, only one appeal was presented to the Long Beach Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), of which the BZA voted 5-0 to deny the appeal and support the permit as issued. Of all of these permits, one suit was filed, but later dropped by the plaintiff.

Councilwoman Neulieb stated that, "Hundreds of people in Long Beach want to sue the Building Commissioner", yet provided no names, examples, or reasons.

- 4) A motion was introduced, seconded, and passed 3-0 to appoint electrical Inspector Leroy Pinkston for electrical work in Long Beach. This motion also made the appointment of Leroy retroactive to previous years where this action had not been done by the Building Commission. Fithian will develop a simple contract outlining terms for Leroy, i.e., Leroy receives 90% of the permit fee, the remainder goes to the Town of Long Beach.

- 5) A motion was introduced, seconded, and passed 3-0 to close any further consideration by the Building Commission of questions related to the Building Permit issued for 2228 Lakeshore Drive. Any resident can petition the BZA if they have a valid concern over this permit.

Workshop Items

- 1) Candidates for new Building Commission members
 - a. Donna Kavanaugh
 - b. Sheila Ehrlich
 - c. Pete Byvoets
 - d. Jane Neulieb
 - e. Pat Cannon
 - f. LB Volunteer Fire Department Representative, to be later nominated by Chief Albers. Subsequent phone call from Chief Albers nominated Larry Wall for this role.

- 2) Status of replacement Building Commissioner / Beverly Shores Building Commissioner definition
 - a. Discussion on definition of the role of Building Commissioner. Fithian to forward electronic copy of the Beverly Shores Building Commissioner definition to Pete Byvoets. Beverly Shores has 5 people, including the Building Commissioner, on its Building Commission.
 - b. A motion was presented, seconded, and approved 3-0 for Town Council President Bob Schaeffer and Pete Byvoets to develop an advertisement for the position, evaluate potential candidates, and present a proposed candidate to the Long Beach Town Council.

- 3) Ordinances to Amend Building Code and Zoning Code
 - a. This activity belongs with the Long Beach Advisory Plan Commission and will be processed at their April meeting.