

Land Conservation Committee Minutes

January 3, 2017

Present:

Annabelle Juhasz MD

David Hoppe

Nathaneal of Save the Dunes

Martha Maust

Joy Schmidt

Meeting called to order by Dr Juhasz at 12PM.

Danny Thalman gave his presentation of the development of path in the Long Beach property off of Karwick Road to the APC of Long Beach. The committee agreed to approve his plan, but he was asked to submit the cost of benches/bike stands that will be constructed for reimbursement.

Martha spoke with land owner at 2926 Lake Shore Drive about the exotic form of phragmites that is growing on the beach in front of his property. Explained to him about the importance of removing it and that the gardener for the Long Beach Park, Brian Kanyer would be able to remove it and treat it to prevent further growth. Bob Boyce agreed to allow this removal of phragmites to occur.

Nathaneal from Save the Dunes and David have been in discussion about a project day at Stockwell Woods which is owned by Save the Dunes. This day would be on the last Saturday in March on the 25th. Approximate time to begin work would be 9-10 AM. Nathaneal will attempt to locate someone with a chipper that would be used to chip the piles of dead wood in piles scattered about. It would also be good to drop the dead trees that had been girdled. So we will be recruiting volunteers to assist. And also request that the town gardener would be asked to assist. Some of the dead wood could also be piled up along the street and residents could pick it up for firewood.

Dr Juhasz also suggested holding an education seminar and get various persons and/or groups to participate. The purpose of this meeting would be to educate the public about the importance of public greenspace. And the valuable resource that exists in Long Beach. And why it is in the public interest to maintain and preserve these spaces.

Idea also submitted about creating a Facebook page to promote the greenspaces and educate the public.

Nathaneal also said that in addition to him, Laura Brennan at the National Lakeshore are resources to determine whether plants, bushes, and trees are native species and whether locations are appropriate when determining whether growth should be maintained or removed in public locations in the town of Long Beach.

Meeting adjourned at 1PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Maust