

Land Conservation Committee of Long Beach  
October 5, 2016  
6 p.m. CST  
Community Center

Present:

Daniel E Thalmann  
Rick Thalmann  
Bob McFadden  
David Hoppe  
Joy Schmitt  
Annabelle Juhasz MD  
Martha Maust  
Nathaneal--Save the Dunes

Meeting brought to order at 6 PM by chairperson A. Juhasz.

Access agreement has initial draft written by Save the Dunes, Nathaneal, and he states that it must still be approved by the attorney for Save the Dunes. So the agreement should be finalized by the next meeting of LCC.

It was noted by David that there is a great deal of phragmites growing on the beach at Stop 19 and it's a concern that this invasive plant could become a major problem on the beach if it's allowed to spread. Nathaneal states that a botanist in Chicago states that there is now genetic proof that phragmites can spread not only by rhizomes, but also seeds. So to help with the control and removal of the plants, it would be recommended to contain the seeds in addition to attempt to remove the plants.

Save the Dunes Residential Guide for plants is available at [INDunesguide.com](http://INDunesguide.com) and Nathaneal will also bring some copies to the next meeting. It is a homeowners guide to landscaping plants in the dunes communities of northwest Indiana.

Information about property on LSD adjacent to the public access at Stop 24 that will be up for sale and the owner wanted to offer the land to the town of Long Beach before it is on the market. Unanimous agreement was reached that the town doesn't have the resources to purchase this property.

Danny Thalmann, boy scout is looking for a project to perform to reach his goal of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts. Danny presented his ideas to map out paths using the paths that are already being used by residents. There could be some projects with the other scouts, place path finder signs, possible benches, bike stands, etc. The planned area to begin this project would be the 25+ acres of lot #6 owned by Long Beach, IN. Danny will go to the APC of Long Beach to present his plans to their committee.

David H. explained importance of creating and developing the paths throughout the public areas of Long Beach. The Moon Valley area in the dunes is an area of broad diversity of plant and wildlife, so it is important to create better access and information for the public.

Next meeting date of this committee is Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 4PM.

Meeting adjourned at 650PM.