

Long Beach Park and Recreation Meeting May 27, 2015

LB Town Hall 6:00 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Quorum declared: Joy Schmitt, Pres., Kendra Bartlett V.P., Jane Neulieb, Sec. and Bob Angelo present.
- III. Approval of the April 22, 2015 and the special meeting May 7, 2015 were approved unanimously.
- IV. Melrose Park
 1. Todd Bell from Woodruff and Sons Co. was introduced.
 2. Public comment about Melrose Park remodel: Residents voiced support for having the Basketball remain. There were comments as to why would anyone not want the remodel. Some thought that the present equipment should be cleaned and remain as is. Some thought the soft surfaces planned were unnecessary. Some want the remodel to go on as planned and have counted on this improvement in their neighborhood. Some wanted to know about drainage and upkeep of equipment. A few people wanted the park sold and money go to improvement of Beach Stops. There were questions about dogs at the park. Bob said he was against this project and thought it was poorly planned. Kendra, Jane and Joy responded that he had not said that in the 2 plus years we have been planning this that he had not expressed this viewpoint. In fact he made the motion to include the shade structure in the first segment of the project. Some voiced concern that it was too much money.
 3. These were answered with these facts. This remodel has been planned for 2-3 years and money has been put away to cover this remodel. These are park funds mandated to be used for parks. They cannot be used for other projects. The dog issue has to be clarified. There is an ordinance that states dogs must be on a leash when off their owner's property. The current equipment is not ADA accountable and therefore if moved may not be reinstalled. The plans have been remade so that basketball will be kept at this park. The overall financial effect of having the soft surfaced poured was made clear.
 4. Garden Club: The club was thanked for all the improvements and installation of a new garden at Moore Road at the entrance sign of LB. Dee Caulfield spoke on how beautiful the park looks and thanked the gardener Cody for all his help in getting that accomplished. She requested Soaker hoses be purchased and Bill said he would take care of that payment for the Park Board. A memorial for past members of the LB Garden Club will be Thursday at 2:30pm and all are invited.
- V. Park Board Budget- Joy, Bill Defuniak and Pat Eckenstahler met and "trued up" the budget.

- VI. Old Business:
1. Summer Park Program- Hiring and planning is in progress as usual.
 2. Beach Stops: The Town Council decided that the responsibility for the Beach Stops is the LB Street Department's duties.
- VII. Community Center: The rental agreement for rooms 10 and 2 were signed by Joy. Room 10 will continue to be dedicated to community Table Tennis and room 2 will be used for the LB Historical Society and Arts and Crafts if needed for the summer program.
- VIII. New Business: none
- IX. A motion was made by Kendra to move forward with the remodel of the Melrose Park: Vote: Joy, Kendra and Jane Ayes- Bob Nay.
- X. Adjourn Next meeting June 24, 2015 6pm at the Town Hall.