

P E N D I N G A P P R O V A L

Minutes

Long Beach, Indiana

Park & Recreation Board

February 22, 2012

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Board members present: Mary Joy, Joy Schmitt and Jane Neulieb. Absent: Robert Angelo. Two residents were in attendance.

2. Election of Officers. Mary Joy and Joy Schmitt voted in as Co-Presidents and Jane Neulieb voted in as Secretary with all votes being unanimous.

3. Outline of Park/Activities.

a. Summer Program. The Board discussed the annual summer program. Many ideas such as ages, use of Old School, days of the week, hours, cost and new features were discussed. The Board agreed that the best ages for the youth program are 5-10 years old and older if there is interest. Possible candidates and qualifications for manager of the youth program were discussed and all agreed that we should seek a licensed teacher. Jane Neulieb volunteered to call an experienced K-8 teacher to see if she would be interested. Discussion followed about the possibilities of teen and adult programs. Bridge instruction was a possibility and Mary Joy offered to look into it. All agreed that we need to hear from residents who have ideas for any programs.

b. Neighborhood Parks/Open Land. Discussed all parks and open land that Long Beach owns. Many residents living near the park on Melrose Street have voiced interest in beautifying that park. Those interested people will be contacted so we can organize community involvement in this beautification. Joy Schmitt will prepare a flyer for distribution to residents in the area. All those interested should call one of the board members or leave a message at the Clerk's office. Joy Schmitt will get a map showing all public green spaces.

c. Moon Valley Status. The Board agreed with the continued support of "Save Moon Valley" efforts. The cancellation of the auction to sell the privately held acres was discussed. All agreed to monitor this situation closely to maintain Moon Valley's integrity as open land.

d. Stop 24 Plans. A review of the past endeavor to remodel the old pumping station was discussed. All agreed that this land is valuable to all resident and currently needs work. The plans for it to be a beautiful lookout space/park and the possibility of accomplishing this with help from residents were discussed. The Board would like to seek the architectural plans and will contact those involved in the past planning.

e. Old School Community Center. The Board would like to work with that committee in the future to see full community use.

f. Bus Stops. Management of Bus Stops for safety and beautification was discussed.

4. Park Facilities Review. Furniture for the summer program was discussed and Jane Neulieb will explore the possibility of youth chairs stored or getting them donated. Sports equipment location, the old pump house and the Civic Association's generous remodel of the pillars was discussed. The Board will have a tour of all parks starting at Melrose and Oriole on March 5, at 3:00 P.M.

5. Proposed Recreation Programs. All agreed that there are many programs and celebrations we can explore for all ages. The Board looks forward to community input of possible programs that can be started this year.

6. Board Member Comments. All agreed to have the Board's contact information on the Long Beach website and will send it to Council Member Peter Byvoets to include in the website. The Board will wait to set the regular meeting date until Dr. Angelo returns. One likely date is every 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

7. Comments from the Residents. Mr. Robert Gallagher and Barbara Morgan encouraged the Board to continue the good work and they will be available to help.

8. Adjournment. With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Jane Neulieb, Secretary