

**Pending Approval
Minutes
Park and Recreation Board
Long Beach, IN
March 28, 2012**

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Co-President Mary Joy at 7:00pm. Present: Bob Angelo, Mary Joy, Jane Neulieb and Joy Schmitt. There were 6 residents in attendance. The minutes of the last meeting were approved unanimously.

2. PARK LAND AND FACILITY UPDATE. Tom Dolph, Street Superintendent was present, as requested, therefore that business was deemed to be moved to the first subject.

a. **Community Center** – the mulch estimate was \$1685.00 for 2 years to cover the playground area at the Old School Community Center park. Tom explained that this is certified mulch which needs to be filled in to a certain level around play equipment. There is a line on a post which reflects the safest depth of the mulch. A motion was seconded to purchase this mulch and also mulch to cover the playground at Melrose and passed unanimously. Tom stated if there is extra mulch there are many areas around the old School and Town Center.

The broken swing set at the community center can not be safely repaired. A motion was seconded and passed unanimously to purchase a new swing set using the insurance money covering that and the broken swing set. The old swing set will be removed and the steel will be scraped and that money will help defray the cost. We discussed the possibility of a summer employee to help mow and weed.

Discussion about the Community Center committee meeting and all are optimistic with the commitment of that group to meet the challenges that are upcoming.

b. **Stop 24 Project Update.** The advantages and disadvantages were discussed about grants to fund the this project. Joy Schmitt brought in the paperwork and studies that we received from the prior group that worked on this. Bob talked about the history of the grant effort and how the tax problems county wide brought that to a halt.

The water department has decided to fund the repainting of the old pump house as a temporary measure until we can move forward.

The family of Hazel Pugh, who is a long time resident, wants to provide a garden at this site in her name. We will continue to work with them on this.

Joy presented a map of the Long Beach green spaces.

c. **Update on Beach Forum-**We explored the items explored at that forum such as Beach clean up dates. All agreed that we should participate in the area wide “adopt a beach day” which is Saturday April 21, 2012.

d. Bus Stops- We discussed the garbage problem and we agreed we would like to try the policy of “PACK it in, PACK it out”, just as the state parks deal with their garbage which regulates that no garbage cans are put out and therefore people have to bring their garbage home to throw out. Signage would have to be present.

e. Melrose Park- Flooding at Melrose Park was discussed and this will be brought to the street department. Neighbors of this park are planting flowers as they always have been and a vegetable garden in a sunny patch. The plans to improve this park are delayed due to the tax delay. The board discussed plans of installing a fence like at the Old School and some new equipment. Regular upkeep of the grass and weeds are planned.

3. RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE - Mary Joy handed out an outline of sample scheduling for the summer program according to age and activity. Each age would have the opportunity to sign up for 2 days a week or 4 days a week for possibly 2 hour sessions for games, sports and crafts. Other programs may be Tennis lessons. We discussed dates with June 18 - August 3 being very agreeable to all. Final plans will be worked out closer to those dates. Marketing strategies were also discussed.

COMMENTS FROM THE RESIDENTS – A discussion following regarding the general stipulations to grants.

Next meeting: Wednesday April 25, 2012 at 7:00pm at the LB Town Center.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
Jane Neulieb, Secretary