

# Minutes Beach Nourishment Committee Meeting June 20, 2023

Meeting called to order by Sandy Boyer 6:36P.M. at OD Fire House

Attendees: Sandy Boyer, Bruce Boyer, John Lawicki, Peter Mavrelis, Paul Panther, C.J. Jackson, Al Halline, Scott Kingan, David Schneider, Michelle Bonneau

The minutes of the May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

## Reports:

Sandy:

### 1. Central and west end project

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has granted us a permit to do the project. Other government agencies also need to approve including the army corps of engineers and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Much discussion later in the meeting centered around well publicized objection to the project by the Save the Dunes organization who have formally objected to the decision. Scott Kingan, on behalf of the Town of Ogden Dunes replied to Save the Dunes in a letter, pointing out how our beach has been adversely affected by governmental decisions resulting in the loss of beach and endangerment of homes in our town. He also emphasized that our goal is to preserve the beach for the enjoyment of all the people of Ogden Dunes and Indiana. The committee agreed to proceed with education and persuasion of the public and government officials on the merits of the project.

Scott: 1. **501c3 decision**

After discussion with members of the town council it was decided that a separate 501c3 status for the central and west end project was not possible.

### 2. Litigation

Meetings with the army corps of engineers and the town regarding the east end project have been fruitful and a favorable decision is expected.

### 3. Reconciliation of east end monies

Progress has been made regarding the redistribution of funds for the 2020 emergency project. Any future projects will have more accurate cost estimates and tighter management of funds.

### 4. 2 shore drive

The complexity of the issue with revetment on Park land was discussed along with who would be involved if a law suit is filed.

Peter: 1. **Vision statement**

Input from Paul and John will be incorporated into an updated statement.

Allen 1. **Great Lakes resilient coastal project**

We were updated on ideas occurring in Beverly Shores and what would be possible in Ogden Dunes.

David, Bruce Scott:

### 1. Snow fence

It was recommended that wooden snow fences with wooden posts be approved by the town council

**2. Lifesaving equipment**

Life saving equipment at access points will be in place by July forth holiday. A transport stretcher will also be placed at accessways.

**C.J. 1. Ladder access to beach**

It was agreed that seasonal access with an aluminum ladder be allowed to get to the beach. The type of ladder should be uniform for all of those allowed to put them on the town property.

**Sandy 1. New survey**

Because of possible cost saving a new survey was suggested by the engineer. However since we are not sure of the current time table for the central and west end project the decision for a new survey was tabled.

**Next meeting July 18, 2023**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Peter Mavrelis**